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Larry Grossman leads trade mission to Israel

Ontario minister calls for increased commercial ties

TEL AVIV —

Ontario's Minister of Industry and Tourism Larry Grossman called last week for close ties between the province and Israeli industry in a wide range of fields.

Grossman headed a group of more than 30 Canadian businessmen who visited Technology '79, an international industrial exhibition here. For the first time Ontario sponsored a pavilion — with 11 companies participating — to show production available in communications, freight handling, electro-power and other industrial equipment available.

In a luncheon with Israeli business leaders, Grossman stated that Ontario industry could provide everything from the most sophisticated production to entire turnkey projects, and could do so with a competitive price advantage over many other major industrial countries, including the United States.

Grossman met with Canadian and Israeli businessmen involved in joint enterprises in Israel, and visited the new Hadera power plant of the Israel Electric Corp., which was built with Ontario-made turbines and other equipment.

Menachem Begin meets Ontario Minister of Industry and Tourism Larry Grossman at Tel Aviv's Technology '79 fair.

Bell-Saudi contract is not discriminatory

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Canadian Human Rights Commission, concluding a six-month investigation, has ruled that a controversial contract between Bell Canada Limited and the Saudi Arabian government does not discriminate against Canadian Jews.

The commission sought to determine whether Bell, in a $1.1 billion contract to modernize Saudi Arabia's telephone system, was barring Canadian Jews from working in that Middle Eastern country.

Windsor-West MP Herb Gray and the Consumers Association of Canada requested the investigation after a Bell contract was found to contain a clause by which Bell agreed to abide by the customs and traditions of Saudi Arabia.

"No evidence that Bell Canada has in fact discriminated against Jewish candidates was uncovered by the investigation," the commissioners ruled in a decision handed down in Fredricton, New Brunswick. "The complaint has therefore been dismissed."

The commission disclosed that Bell provided them with written assurances regarding their employment policies and their intention to comply with the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Expressing satisfaction with the decision, Gray, a former Liberal cabinet minister under Pierre Trudeau, noted: "I like the commission, consider this matter to be resolved."

In a telephone interview from Ottawa, the parliamentarian added: "I think it's important that Bell has given the commission these assurances. It did not do so previously."

Last year, the commission rejected his complaint that Bell's employment prospectus required job applicants to state their religion. In response, Gray and officials of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith requested a meeting with Canadian Human Rights Commissioner Gordon Fairweather.

They charged that the commission's rejection of Gray's complaint was cavalier and thus cast doubt on the credibility of the commission.

Gray observed that the commission had not even undertaken the conciliation process which is part of the Canadian Human Rights Act. He said his case should be reopened, since the manner in which the commissioners handled his complaint was "not consistent with the philosophy and spirit" of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

He remarked that the evidence he presented to the commission provided a basis for showing Bell operated in a way contrary to the tenets of the Canadian Human Rights Act. Subsequently, the commission agreed to reopen the hearings.

Speaking of the latest developments in the case, Gray said that although he has not personally seen Bell's letter or letters of assurance, he accepts at face value the commission's statement that Bell will abide by the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Windsor-West MP Herb Gray.

Judge gives a harrowing account of real life behind the Iron Curtain

By ALAN MEYER

TORONTO —

Russia is a brutal, police-dominated state with even hockey rinks surrounded by army personnel carriers. This was the impression Supreme Court Justice Willard Estey brought back from a tour of the Soviet Union as a member of the board of Hockey Canada.

"The Russian state is organized on the concept, 'you mind your business and we'll mind ours'," explained Mr. Justice Estey at a recent luncheon of the Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry at the Sheraton Centre.

The judge gave a harrowing account of a country where rooms are bugged as a matter of course and people live in the shadow of a harsh, faceless bureaucracy.

Anti-Soviet crimes "Include all kinds of things we wouldn't call crimes," said Judge Estey and went on to relate a personal run-in with Russian law which occurred when he and two associates were in a crowd by the memorial of the Unknown Soldier. A stranger, overhearing their English, joined the conversation. He turned out to be a Russian radio operator who'd learned English operating a state-owned ham radio. Judge Estey asked him about the high-powered Riga station which disrupts all North American communication but the man looked uncomfortable and wouldn't reply. When Judge Estey persisted in his questioning, he and the man were suddenly separated by soldiers who forcibly pulled the operator away.

"Is he in trouble?" Estey asked a plainclothesman in charge of the arrest.

"Trouble," the KGB man replied, leading the captive away up into the Kremlin.

"Nobody in the crowd even looked at those soldiers," Judge Estey told the gathering. "They went right on as if the soldiers weren't there."

What followed was a frustrating search through a labyrinth of Soviet administration as Estey tried to discover where the prisoner was held and to speak in his behalf. Along the way his guide at Intourist broke down and sobbed in fear. "You'll get arrested! You'll get me arrested! We'll all get arrested!" A lawyer supposedly in charge of foreigners' rights stated that he didn't go to court, didn't know where the courts were and refused to help the judge find one. When at last the jurist located the Moscow People's Court it was surrounded by soldiers, yet was as empty as "city hall on Sunday morning."

Judge Estey never found the man.

A second encounter with the Soviet 'legal' system took place at a party of Russian supreme court judges. As the ceremonial toasts grew more numerous, the vodka took hold and the Russian judges became more frank in their conversation.

"They never issue any reasons for judgement," they told him. "They can't imagine why we waste our time doing that," Justice Estey told the Canadian lawyers. "The Russian judges simply consider themselves an "administrative group and an arm of the government. Whatever the Politbureau determines is the Constitution. Their real boss is Brezhnev."

Judge Estey concluded that Russians have no basic rights and therefore no need of a court to interpret them.

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Day schools get lion's share

Schools ask for more money

By BEVERLEY STERN

With Jewish day schools getting the lion's portion of the total Jewish community budget, most evening and week-end schools (called supplementary schools) are now beginning to ask for their share of the pie as well.

Almost half of Toronto's Jewish students go to the supplementary schools. However, only one, Eitz Chaim, because it runs 10 school hours a week and has more than 100 students, meets the stiff criteria for funding set down by the Toronto Jewish Congress for the supplementary schools.

The question of giving money to the supplementary schools is approved in principle but has not yet found a workable formula that will satisfy those that want and those that give.

This fiscal year, for the first time, Toronto Jewish Congress allocated $30,000 to the Board of Jewish Education to be used in the supplementary schools — possibly for bursaries — but more particularly, for special "innovative" projects which would emphasize "doing" as well as "talking."

Specifically, TJC did not want a rehash of old teaching ideas. It wanted a fresh approach to learning directly involving students in Jewish experiences.

At least 10 evening schools submitted proposals, but "not one penny of the $30,000 ever reached the schools," laments Rabbi Erwin Schild from Adath Israel, one of many vocal proponents of more funding for the supplementary schools.

The discussion bounced back and forth between TJC and the Board, and because there could be no agreement on the acceptability of the "special projects" the money fell back into TJC coffers, leaving the whole question of funding for the supplementary schools still up in the air.

The strict criteria for funding is now in the process of being reviewed, states Harold Malitzky, the Board's associate executive director. Although he expresses hope that supplementary schools will be getting more money from the community, he feels sure that funding priorities will continue to be slanted towards the day school.

"Supplementary schools usually have a sponsoring agency such as a congregation or a community association to help out," he says, adding: "Compare the day school fees from $1,725 to $1,850 per child to the $60 to $600 for the evening and Sunday schools. Tuition fees in the day schools never defray costs and there is always a deficit."

It is no wonder, he explains, that almost half of the total annual budget of the TJC, the funding agency of the Toronto Jewish community, was spent on education — a sum of $3 million which went almost totally to the day schools except for about $350,000 which went for the Board's costs.

Voices of critics who protest the exclusion of supplementary schools from community funding, however, will not be stilled. "The day schools do not reach out to the broad segment of the public, nor are they intended to," says Joe Silver from the Peretz schools and a TJC member.

Silver adds that it is just as important to fund parents of supplementary school children who require financial help as it is to help those sending their children to day schools. The whole burden should not fall on the sponsoring agencies alone especially when costs are so high, he says.

Further, he continues, day schools cater primarily to the exceptionally bright — or the motivated who can or will handle the double curriculum. The student drop-out, which increases all along the higher grades, suggest the toughness of the academic load.

The growth of the remedial programs in the day schools also provides commentary on the difficulties of the double curriculum, Silver suggests.

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Jewish leaders present views on embassy move

The sentiments expressed in the lead editorial of the June 28th edition of The Canadian Jewish News, "A Promise Delayed", are significantly different from the views of the national leadership of the Canadian Jewish community.

The editorial quotes Prime Minister Clark as saying that the move of the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will "await a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East". However, Mr. Clark's statement of June 23 did not make such a point; rather, the Prime Minister spoke of "efforts that are being made" towards a comprehensive peace, and at no point said that the move of the embassy would take place only after the realization of an overall solution.

The editorial also argued that the Clark government had done a "necessary about-face on that issue," that "moving the embassy is not in Canada's best interests at this point in time," and that there was some doubt as to whether the Clark commitment should ever have been made in the first place. We disagree with these propositions as well.

To begin with, there has been no about-face on the commitment. Prime Minister Clark has not reversed his policy. His most recent statement indicates that the mechanisms and timing for implementing the move will be examined, not the commitment itself. We believe that moving the embassy to Jerusalem at this time is in fact in Canada's best interests, and Prime Minister Clark's determination to move the embassy is a policy that is correct, and one that all Canadian should applaud.

The pledge of the government of Canada to move our embassy to Israel's capital, Jerusalem, constitutes a wise and far-sighted policy. It serves notice on those opposed to current peace efforts that they can no longer impose their extreme views on a frightened international community.

Canada's determination, in the face of arrogant threats and intimidation, to adhere to a policy that is just and equitable, will enhance our country's image in the international community and give heart to the dwindling number of fellow democracies throughout the world. It is clearly in the Canadian national interest to demonstrate that our foreign policy cannot be determined by states whose aspirations are entirely at odds with our own. If these states believe that Canada can be blackmailed and intimidated, they will continue to subject us to such pressures. Thus, the threats being made in connection with our policy on Jerusalem are an indication of what is to come, if we succumb.

We are proud of our international record. Traditionally, Canada has shown a determination to do what is right for the cause of international peace and for the preservation of our democratic way of life. The government's pledge to move our embassy from Tel Aviv to that part of Jerusalem which has been Israeli for more than thirty years is fully in accord with our national interest in its broadest sense. Canada's national interest lies in the preservation of an international environment in which democracies will survive by supporting one another in times of need, and in which Canadian sovereignty will have meaning, not only in theory, but also in practice.

We share the government's belief that moving our embassy will encourage the peace process in the Middle East and we look forward to the fulfillment of the government's promise — "Next Year in Jerusalem".

Harold Buchwald,
National Chairman, Canada-Israel Committee

Judge Philip G. Givens,
National President, Canadian Zionist Federation

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut,
National President, Canadian Jewish Congress

Lou Ronson,
President, District 22 B'nai B'rith

Jewish seniors start pushing towards major social reforms

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The 1960s rang with the aroused voices of youth. Will the 1980s ring with the aroused voices of the seniors? Maybe.

Cutbacks in social services funding, the drying up of the Canada Pension Fund by 1980 and a shrinking dollar may be the Vietnams of the next decade catalysing a whole society to re-examine itself.

One of the sharpest advocates of senior self-help is the social action committee of the Association of Senior Clubs which has a mandate to initiate social and political action, educate seniors in public forums on the matters that concern them (health, housing, pensions, etc.) and set up a leadership training and community development program that will give seniors the skills to "fight city hall."

"We work for consolidation not only within our community, but the community at large," says Dorothy Klein, 65, leader of the association for the last eight years, and its immediate past-president.

"It is interesting," she adds, "that the association is better known in the overall Metro community than within the Jewish community itself.

"In the last winter," she reports, "our social action group joined with United Senior Citizens of Ontario as well as the group called Pensioners Concerned to successfully protest — and retract — social service cutbacks to all meals-on-wheels programs as well as the freeze on the funds for the nursery and homemaker services.

A couple of months ago, the same trio of senior groups went into Metro Council and, successfully again, appealed Metro Council's decision to cut back on five more subway escalators in key locations. Money for the escalators was subsequently reallocated.

But the social action executive, led by South-African born lawyer, and chairman of the South African seniors' club in Toronto, Isaac Daneman, 75, is also not afraid to hammer away at long-term conflicts such as mandatory retirement, housing and pension reform.

In April 1978 it submitted a brief protesting mandatory retirement to the Ontario Advisory Council on Senior Citizens. In the words of David Steinhauer, 71, a retired educator from the Ontario ministry of education who in 1974-75 set up the Leo Baeck Day School in Toronto, Toronto's only Reform Day school:

"The day a person reaches the age of 65, we uproot him from his job, force him to make way for a younger successor, and then try to buy him off with a bag of goodies which includes free OHIP and medicine, half-price TTC rides and cheap movies."

Steinhauer, who is active on social action and conference meetings, scored those who would arbitrarily retire people who are still able and willing to remain creative and productive in their work. He agrees with Daniel Baum, Osgoode Hall law professor, who suggests that society should begin to plan now to allow older workers to move laterally in their jobs, and take responsible positions or work part-time if they so desire.

The Association, under its CSJE aegis, is among the leading senior organizations in Canada. In structure, purpose and numbers, it offers a model for the development of senior leadership and action in the community.

It joins together 22 separate service clubs.

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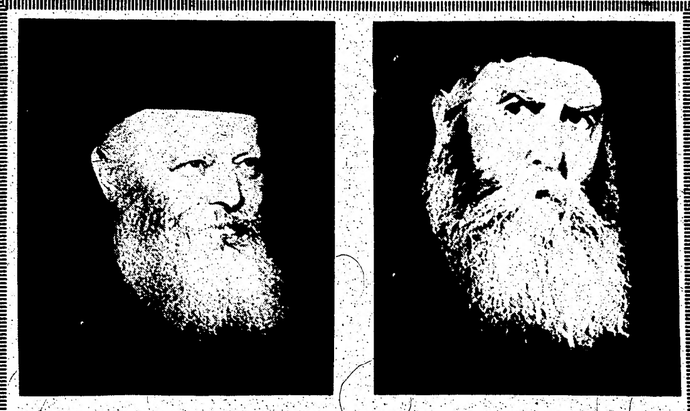


Lubavitchers are marking the 52nd anniversary of the liberation from a Soviet camp of Rabbi Yosef Schneersohn (right), the father of present leader, Rabbi Menachem Schneersohn, who makes his headquarters in New York. See page 2.

World News

(Religious News Service photo)

An Egyptian artist paints a picture of Anwar Sadat prior to his visit to El Arish recently. Israel returned the coastal town to Egyptians.

Anniversary of liberation

NEW YORK —

The 52nd anniversary of the liberation of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Schneersohn (1880-1950), from Soviet prison will be marked here by Jews throughout the world on the twelfth of Tammuz, July 7.

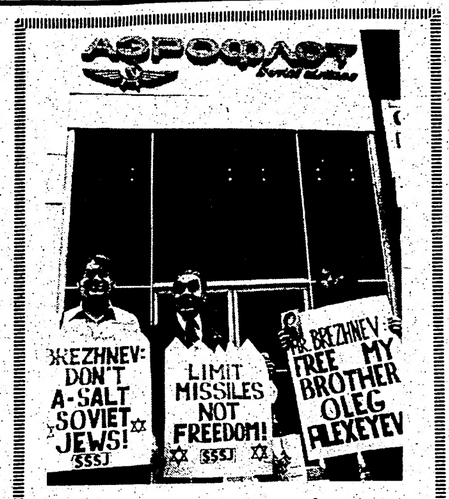
The twelfth of Tammuz also marks his 99th birthday, beginning a centennial which will be universally marked by the Lubavitch movement.

In pointing to one of the more notable aspirations and successes of the late Rebbe in providing and furthering Jewish education for the young — both while behind the iron curtain and in the free world — the present Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneersohn, said that "a most fitting commemoration would be an intensive campaign to enrol an increasing number of Jewish children in kosher summer camps, and in day schools the year round."

While vicious attempts were being made to eradicate Judaism in Russia, Rabbi Schneersohn, who headed the Lubavitch movement for 30 years, defied repeated stern warnings, and led Jews there in raising a loyal Torah-true generation. For these 'subversive' activities he was imprisoned and sentenced to death.

Due to the timely intervention of many leading foreign statesmen, his life was spared.

On the third day of Tammuz, in 1927, Schneersohn was released from the notorious Spalerno prison in Leningrad, after 18 days of excruciating confinement, and was exiled to Kostroma, a small town in the Urals. But here too under high-level diplomatic pressure the Rebbe was released, on his 47th birthday, on the 12th (though official notice came on the 13th) day of Tammuz. Less than a half-year later he was able to leave Russia with his family. He arrived in New York in 1940.



Jewish students in Manhattan demonstrate in front of Aeroflot Russian airline office to protest Russians' treatment of dissidents. They wear plastic masks of Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev, who met each other in Vienna recently at the crucial SALT talks.

Former speaker passes

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Former Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, a leader of the Yemenite Jewish community in Israel is dead after a long illness. He was 59.

The Knesset stood at attention in his honor when news of his death reached it shortly before the end of a session. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir said that Yeshayahu had contributed enormously to the growth of the Israeli parliament. Labor Party leader Shimon Peres praised his contributions to the party.

Born in Saana, Yemen, April 15, 1920, as Yisrael Yeshayahu Sharabi, he dropped his last name after immigrating to then Palestine at the age of nine. He entered public life in the Histadrut's Department for Oriental and Yemenite Jews which he headed from 1934-48. In 1948, he was named by the Israeli government and the Histadrut to head "Operation Magic Carpet" which brought the Jews of Yemen to Israel. He entered the Knesset in 1951 and during the years was frequently in dispute with the Labor Party leadership over what he termed discrimination against his advancement because he was a Yemenite. In 1967, Premier Levi Eshkol named him Minister of Posts.

In 1971, he was elected secretary general of the Labor Party and in 1972 he became Speaker, a post he held until 1979. He was not selected for the Labor Party's 1979 election list.

During his lifetime, he published numerous articles on the history and folklore of Yemenite Jews and on problems of absorption into Israeli society.

School film wins

HAIFA —

The Technion film Frontiers of Healing has won the award of the 33rd annual film festival of the International Science and Technology Film Association, held recently in Tokyo. The prize was presented in the category of "Popular Science Films". Co-sponsors for the festival included the Japanese Association of Cultural Film Producers, Inc.

The subject of the film was Bio-medical Engineering at the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology. It was sponsored by the women's division of the American Technion Society, Washington chapter.

Israeli Ilan Eldad directed the film, which was scripted by Harvey Brown, editor of Technion publications. It focuses on the cooperation between medicine and technology, as it takes place in the Institute's bio-medical engineering laboratories.

Remains of 11 soldiers are returned

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

The remains of 11 Israeli soldiers listed as missing in action since the Yom Kippur War were turned over to Israel by Egypt at a somber ceremony in El Arish. The Egyptians provided an honor guard commanded by a brig. gen. The flag-draped coffins were received by an Israeli burial unit headed by the chief chaplain in the presence of General Dan Shamron, commander of the southern region.

The remains were placed in army trucks to be taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel Aviv where pathologists will attempt to identify the dead prior to military funerals which will take place at a later date. Identification is expected to be difficult, inasmuch as the Egyptians provided no details as to the location of the remains. It was reported earlier that they were found in the course of development work along the Suez Canal.

With today's transfer, Israel's missing-in-action list is down to 12 soldiers. Military authorities are preparing maps to try to pinpoint where the missing soldiers were supposed to have been during the battles.

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Former Nazi war criminal complains

LONDON [JCNS] —

Gustav Franz Wagner, 68, the self-confessed former Nazi war criminal now being held in Brazil, complained on the BBC-1 **Panorama** program here that he was having to face punishment for merely doing his "job".

The "job", as Wagner described it in his interview given to Tom Bowe, was the alleged killing of some 250,000 Jews and Soviet prisoners-of-war in 1942 and 1943 at Sobibor death camp, where he was deputy commandant, and the killing of non-Jewish physically and mentally-handicapped patients between 1940 and 1942 in Hertheim in his native Austria.

Hertheim was one of the six centres in Germany and Austria for carrying out Hitler's forcible euthanasia (mercy-killing) program of handicapped people.

Four countries, West Germany, Israel, Poland and Austria, have applied for the extradition of Wagner to face war crimes charges and their requests are now before the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court.

Wagner was arrested in Brazil in 1978 after a dramatic confrontation with Stanislav Szmajzner, a Sobibor death camp survivor.

The **Panorama** interview was the first in which a former Nazi chief of an extermination camp has spoken on television about his role in carrying out the Nazi Final Solution — the destruction of European Jews.

Wagner's part in the euthanasia program was a rehearsal and an education for his later "job" as a mass murderer, a laboratory for solving both the scientific and practical problems of mass extermination of people.

He said that "he did not feel good" when he discovered that his "job" was that of "extermination."

Wagner's excuse: he would have been shot, had he refused, although he admitted that he did not know of anyone who was executed for refusing to take part in mass murder. Another excuse was that he "did not think" about his "job" because it was "not our task to think about it." In the evenings, he an his colleagues played cards, Wagner said.

Students from Haifa University learn the fundamentals of underwater archeology at a site near Caesaria. The course enables them to acquire valuable experience in surveying, mapping, sketching and measuring.

Senator asks for help to bring the 'Angel of Death' to trial

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

Sen. Jesse Helms, acting on requests from Jewish leaders associated with tracing Nazi war criminals, has asked the Senate to help bring about the extradition of Josef Mengele, the "Angel of Death", from Paraguay to West Germany to stand trial for the killing of more than 200,000 children.

Helms introduced a sense-of-the Senate resolution asking the government of Paraguay to apprehend and extradite Mengele. The resolution was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which Helms is a member. It says that Mengele, while resident doctor at the Auschwitz concentration camp "was responsible for the torture and death of more than 200,000 children" and "conducted cruel and inhuman surgery and experiments upon children to develop ways to manipulate the genetic structure of human beings." In addition, the Helms resolution said, Mengele "worked to develop new methods of sterilization to promote acts of genocide against Jews, Slavs and other European peoples."

The fact that Josef Mengele should remain today in freedom, never having been brought to trial, "makes him a living symbol of the Holocaust we cannot continue to tolerate," Helms said.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked the Paraguyan Embassy about Mengele and Minister Gilberto Caniza responded that Mengele "is not in Paraguay." Caniza said that "we hear from time to time that he is in Paraguay" but he insisted he is not in that country.

"It would be very difficult for a person to hide in Paraguay," he said, noting its small population. "If Mengele were in Paraguay," he added, "his presence would be denounced not only by the Paraguayan people as a whole but by the Jewish community there." He acknowledged that Mengele received Paraguayan citizenship along with other Germans who arrived there after 1945.

Diversity in Jewish law

Fallsburg, N.Y. —

Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, has decried the "intolerant fragmentization which endangers the continued vitality and creativity of the Orthodox Jewish community in the United States."

Lamm made his comments in an address to 400 delegates at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America here. He said "a monistic approach within Orthodoxy which imposes a homogenized sameness in thought and practice is both religiously inauthentic and socially destructive. It has the virtue of consistency but it lacks a communal conscience. Unity is confused with uniformity and a divisive intolerance is rampant within our ranks."

"Diversity within the discipline of Jewish law," Lamm explained, "is a reflection of the dynamics of our faith. The sages of the Talmud offered varying opinions but a harmonious unity emerged to guide Jewish practice. In philosophic thought a variety of systems coexisted, each reflecting one of the 70 faces of the Torah. A mutual respect of each other's singularity in interpretation and style generally prevailed."

Lamm also said "one can even respect the dissenting views of the Satmar Hasidim in their anti-Zionism but one must utterly reject their going public, thereby giving encouragement and strength to the enemies of our people. One can allow for the good intentions and integrity of the so-called

Yehuda Sharett dead

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Yehuda Sharett, brother of the late Premier Moshe Sharett and an educator and composer, died recently at the age of 78. Funeral services were held at his kibbutz, Yagur. Sharett composed the music for many classic Hebrew poems. He also composed the songs for the Passover Haggadah used by many kibbutzim.

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Yiddish radio program celebrates 25th anniversary

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG—

The 25th anniversary of Winnipeg's Yiddish language radio program was celebrated last month at a reception and tea arranged by the H. Leivick Yiddish speaking lodge of B'nai B'rith at the Peretz School auditorium. More than 200 people turned out to honor Noah Witman, the host and producer of the program during this entire period.

Witman continues to present the Yiddish program each Sunday afternoon (1:30 to 2:30 p.m.) on station CKJS, Winnipeg's ethnic radio station which was opened here a few years ago by Casimir Stanczykowski who also operates Montreal's ethnic radio station.

"Noiach" Witman has been one of Winnipeg's Yiddish folk personalities almost since the day he arrived in the city from Russia in 1927. He came here from Kiev after being expelled from the university by the Soviet authorities for Zionist youth activity.

A young "Poalei Zionist," he became active with the Labor Zionist movement here soon after he arrived. He relates that he began to learn about fund-raising at his very first meeting when he became involved in selling 5 cent raffle tickets.

Witman became a teacher at the Folk Shule, then a separate institution in Winnipeg, and later also gave private lessons in Hebrew as well as Yiddish.

From 1944 to 1954 Witman served as western executive director for the Histadrut and travelled

Noah Witman

throughout the west. In 1954 he joined the editorial staff of the Israelite Press, eventually becoming the Yiddish editor and co-publisher. He remained with the paper until 1964.

Witman recalls that he became involved in broadcasting as early as 1936 when the Israelite Press was sponsoring a Yiddish radio program. It was not until March 1954 that he started his own weekly Yiddish radio hour which continues to this day.

For 18 years the program was presented over CKSB, the French language station in St. Boniface. When that station was absorbed by the CBC he moved to another station for a time until the ethnic language station went on the air in Winnipeg.

The Witman radio program is the only Yiddish radio show west of Toronto. It features a wide variety of Yiddish and Hebrew records including folk songs, cantorials and Chassidic works from Witman's library of over 800 discs.

The income from the commercials on the radio program goes almost entirely to pay the radio station costs. If he fails to meet a monthly quota of 300, Witman has to make up the difference.

Since the early 1970s Witman has operated his own travel agency together with his wife Vera. He got into the travel business by accident some years earlier when a travel agent advertiser offered him a commission on the business he would get from his commercial on the Yiddish hour, in lieu of the regular advertising fee.

On the occasion of the anniversary celebration of the Yiddish radio program, a special fund was started by the Leivick lodge to ensure the continuation of the program for the future.

CZF lends support

TORONTO —

The Canadian Zionist Federation last week sent the following statement of support of the Boat People to Prime Minister Joseph Clark, Flora MacDonald, minister of external affairs, and Ron Atkey, minister of employment and immigration. It read:

On behalf of the Canadian Zionist Federation and its 40,000 members across Canada, we commend the government for its humane policy of assisting the Vietnamese boat people. As Jews we are especially sensitive to the plight of these refugees cast adrift in small boats in the seas of south east Asia.

Less than 40 years ago our brethren were in a similar position, seeking a haven from Nazi persecution. The nations of the world can no longer remain passive to this human tragedy, human tragedy.

As citizens of Canada we are in full support of the present policy of admitting increased numbers of refugees to Canada and executing our moral and political influence throughout the world to see that other nations follow this course of action.

SS man is free

ROME [JTA] —

Joseph Oberhauser, a former SS officer wanted in Italy for mass murders committed during World War II, enjoys full freedom in West Germany where, at age 65, he dispenses beer at the Zum Fraziskaner restaurant in Munich, it was reported here in Il Messagero. Oberhauser is held responsible for the slaughter of about 750,000 persons, including 5,000 Italian and Yugoslavian Jews and partisans in Italy's only concentration camp, San Saba in Trieste.

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Kalman Greenspan & Sons sold kosher meat to Torontonians for many years. Two weeks ago, they closed shop after 66 years. This handbill, circa 1925, advertizes meat. Watch for story next week.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

Community Hebrew Academy students Alan Feld and David Genesove present a petition to Employment and Immigration Minister Ron Atkey on the situation of three Jewish families in Syria who wish to emigrate. Atkey, who represents Toronto St. Paul's, said he'd study matter.

Sol Shinder is elected new council president

OTTAWA —

Sol B. Shinder, Ottawa attorney and first vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa for the past two years, was elected president of the organization at the annual general meeting held on Wednesday, June 20, 1979. He succeeds to the post held by Gilbert Greenberg, immediate past president; Joseph Lieff, first vice-president; Alfred Friedman, second vice-president; Issie Laundau, treasurer; and Gerald Berger, honorary secretary. Hy Hochberg is executive vice-president.

At the meeting held in the Jewish Community Centre, reports were presented by chairmen of standing committees and by presidents of affiliated organizations.

HEBREW LESSON

In line with Prime Minister Menachem Begin's urging that Jews in the Diaspora learn Hebrew, the Keren Hatarbut-Institute of The Canadian Zionist Federation has prepared a number of lessons in basic Hebrew. They were compiled by Joseph Klinger, executive director.

VOCABULARY

AEFO	– Where	HEHM (m) (pl)	– They
GAHRTAH (m) (s)	– Did you live	KEHN	– Yes
LEEFNAE	– Before	VEH	– And
SHEH BAHTAH (m) (s)	– (That) you came	AHCHSHAHV	– Now
LEH	– To	HEHM GAHREEM	– They live
SHEH BAHTFE	– (That) I came	AHVAHL	– But
GAHRTEE	– I lived	HEHM ROTZEER	– They want
BEH	– In	LAHGOOR	– To live
GAHM	– Also	AHT GAHRT (f) (s)	– Did you live
HAHDODEEM SHEHLCHA	– Your uncles	LEEFNAE SHAHNAH	– (A) year ago
GAHROO	– They lived	SHAHM	– There

**Note: "ch" is pronounced as Chala and Chutzpah.

Translate the following dialogue:

Dan: Where did you live before you came to Israel?
Stan: Before I came to Israel I lived in Toronto.
Dan: Also your uncles lived there?
Stan: Yes they also lived there.
Dan: And where (do) they live now?
Stan: Now they live in Toronto but they went to live in Israel.
Dan: Mike, where did you live (a) year ago?
Mile: I lived in New York.

**Note: Words in brackets are understood.

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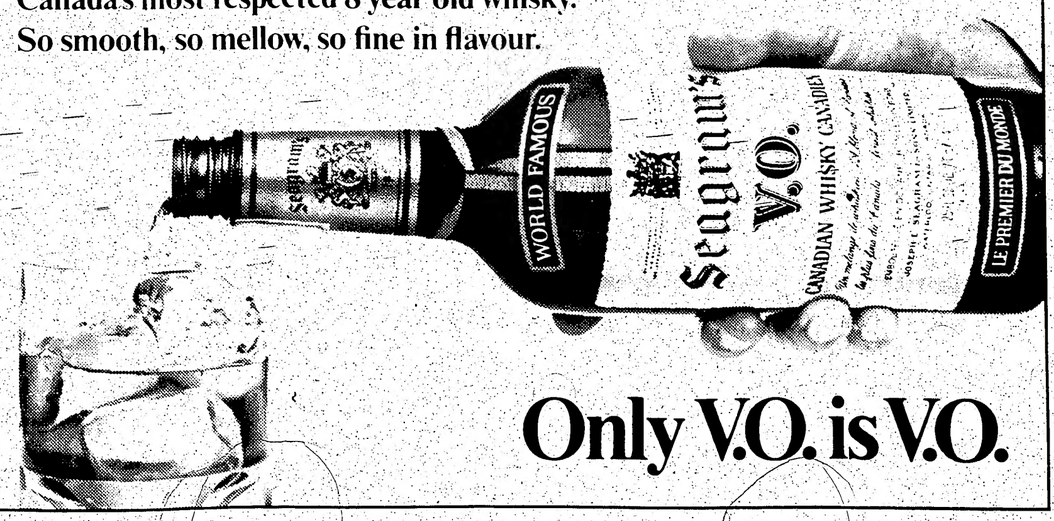

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Crime (?) and punishment

Siberian justice

Whatever faults there may be in the criminal justice system in Canada, the Russians make us look very good by comparison. This was put into sharp focus recently as a result of an incident which occurred to Mr. Justice Willard Estey of the Ontario Supreme Court during a stay in the Soviet Union.

The Ontario jurist was conversing with a Soviet citizen in Moscow when KGB agents hustled the individual off, presumably to a court hearing for some unspecified crime. When Mr. Estey attempted to learn the fate of his earstwhile colleague in conversation he experienced an obstructionism which can only be classified as Kafkaesque.

After speaking to local municipal officials Judge Estey was shunted off to bureaucrats from the justice agencies. He was unable to establish even the fact that his conversation partner had been arrested. A lawyer to whom he was referred as a man specializing in such cases, was reticent to pursue the matter although he did make some **pro forma** inquiries—all to no avail.

The Ontario jurist, according to newspaper accounts, was shocked by his personal experience of Soviet justice but was disinclined to draw any political conclusions from his encounter with Soviet jurisprudence.

Soviet Jews and others who have felt the edge of law as it is administered in Russia are less hesitant to call a spade a spade. For years they have been victimized by the arbitrary, vindictive and unjust institutions which dispense "law" in the Soviet Union.

Rights which we consider elemental in the West are non-existent in Russia. People are arrested on the flimsiest of pretexts. Defence attorneys, selected by the state, are farcical in their efforts to provide defence for the accused. Soviet judges are little more than lackeys whose principal function is to assess not the guilt or innocence of the accused but the amount of their future incarceration.

We commiserate with the anonymous Russian citizen who tried to speak to Judge Estey in Moscow. He is doubtless now foraging in some Siberian prison for his crime of "cosmopolitanism"—speaking to a foreigner. We also recall those of our Jewish brethren who still languish in the Gulag: Vladimir Slepak who has spent more than a year there; Ida Nudel, sentenced to a long period of imprisonment; and Anatoly Scharansky, who has already been in prison more than forty weeks. Their crime?—wanting to leave Russia to join families and friends in Israel.

Jewish National Fund

Crucial undertaking

The importance of the work carried on by the Jewish National Fund in Israel cannot be overestimated. Repeatedly over the years the JNF has been in the vanguard of major activities designed to strengthen the Jewish homeland.

Last month the JNF embarked upon another crucial undertaking: preparing settlement sites along the new border with Egypt, a task to be completed in the record time of 10 months. There will be eight settlements in the initial phase and within three years there will be a dozen more.

The magnitude of the undertaking staggers the imagination. Twenty million cubic meters will be moved by a large fleet of bulldozers, new roads will be constructed for access to the area and ground will be levelled, developed and prepared for the construction of houses, farms and industry.

At the same time, the JNF is involved in a new development in the Galilee where it is preparing sites for 29 settlement outposts. In the words of Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the JNF board of directors, "desolate parched land, barred to human habitation for centuries, is now being transformed by JNF ingenuity and resources to prepare it for its new destiny, that of a bustling centre of life in Israel."

The distinguished record of this organization speaks eloquently of devotion, idealism and a high degree of competence in carrying out its tasks. The support of Diaspora Jewry has made possible the miracles wrought over the years. It is obvious that this support must not only continue but must be intensified so that the JNF can meet and overcome the problems that surely lie ahead.

Wingate remembered

The name Orde Wingate is revered throughout Israel today, and so it should be. Thirty five years have elapsed since his untimely death in the jungles of Burma and still they remember the man who played such an important role in the formation of the Hagannah's Special Night Squads unit.

Wingate's surname is affixed to a children's village on the slopes of Mt. Carmel, a physical education institute near Netanya and a forest on Mt. Gilboa bear his name, and there is a Wingate Square in the city of Jerusalem. In Toronto, there is an Orde Wingate branch of the Canadian Legion.

To yet unborn generations of Israelis, Orde Wingate's name will not be forgotten.

His relationship with Zionism began in 1936, when he was posted to Palestine as a captain. Unlike most British soldiers or officials who served the Palestine Mandate, Wingate was sympathetic to the idea of a resurrected Jewish state. Perhaps this was the case because he had been brought up on the Old Testament. In any event, Wingate was taken by Zionism and he openly identified with its political aims, much to the chagrin of his sup ors. He loved the kibbutz way of life, and he established good relations with such Zionist leaders as Moshe Sharett and Chaim Weizmann.

Wingate's special contribution was the formation of the Special Night Squads, composed of Jewish and British troops which he would command to eliminate marauding Arab bands terrorizing the countryside. He trained his young Jewish soldiers—including Moshe Dayan—to attack, and this doctrine had a profound impact on the Palmach, the Hagannah and, later, the Israeli armed forces.

In his three years in Palestine, Wingate always propagated Zionism to his British colleagues, most of whom were pro-Arab. In 1937, he wrote a prophetic letter to his cousin, the Middle East administrator Sir Reginald Wingate, seeking his support for a Palestine Jewish army. "We are in for a war sooner or later—for pity's sake let us do something just and honorable before it comes. Let us redeem our promises to Jewry and shame the devil of nazism, fascism and our own prejudices."

Wingate was asking for more than a Jewish army to fight the Nazi hordes; he was promoting Zionism and urging the British to live up to the pledge they had made in the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

Orde Wingate in his military uniform

Because of his pro-Jewish views, Wingate was banished from Palestine just after the appearance of the 1939 White Paper. Ostensibly, he was transferred to Britain because he urged the Jews to resist the White Paper, which called for a virtual end to Jewish immigration to Palestine.

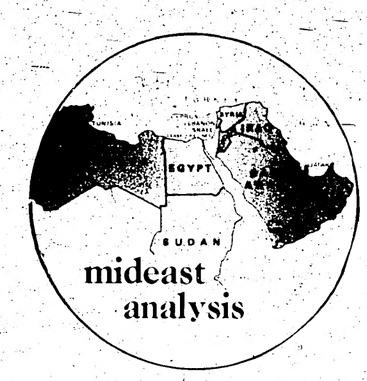
During the Second World War, Wingate fought in Ethiopia, where he achieved brilliant successes, and in Burma, where he was the leader of the famous Chindit expedition behind Japanese lines. Impressed by his qualities, Winston Churchill summoned Wingate to London. He accompanied the prime minister to the 1943 Quebec Conference, then was dispatched to India as Britain's youngest major-general.

In 1944, on a flight over Burma, his plane crashed, and Wingate was killed. He was only 41.

In Palestine, they mourned for him, saddened that their yedid, or friend, had met such a tragic fate at so young an age.

Churchill said of him: "Here was a man of genius, who might have become a man of destiny." As it was, Orde Wingate was a true friend, a gifted teacher, and in Israel, as elsewhere, his name will shine brightly.

Israel faces awesome, unsolved problem with radicalized, educated Arab youth



mideast analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It was an important news story but the play it got in Israeli newspapers was relatively insignificant. With the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks dominating the front pages of newspapers, the resignation of Menachem Begin's Arab affairs advisor passed almost unnoticed. To some observers, however, Moshe Sharon's decision to leave government service to return to the Hebrew University was a setback to Arab-Israeli relations in the Jewish state—a reminder, if indeed one was needed, that Israel faces an awesome problem in its relationship with its 600,000 Arab citizens.

Sharon, who resigned after less than two years in office, criticized the government for failure to alleviate "feelings of frustration, discrimination and alienation" among Israeli Arabs. Accusing it of promoting a "vast gap" between Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens, the Hebrew University historian observed that Begin had not held a single cabinet meeting to discuss local Arab affairs since assuming office.

With inflation and autonomy talks Israel's preoccupations these days, the Arabs of Israel get short shrift both in terms of news coverage and governmental concern. But, as a recent Ford Foundation study shows, Israeli Arabs constitute one of Israel's main unsolved problems today.

According to the survey, conducted by a Haifa University professor, 50% of Israel's Arab population reject the Jewish state's right to exist, and 64% regard the Zionist movement as racist. Three-quarters support the establishment of a Palestinian state, and 48% define themselves as "Palestinians."

Few Israelis dare say that the Arabs in their country may be fifth columnists. But an increasing number are beginning to realize that a process of radicalization is at work in the Arab community, particularly among the educated youth, who admire or agree with the goals of the PLO. Amnon Linn, Likud's resident Arab expert, is convinced that extremists among Israel's Arabs mean what they say. "They view themselves as part of the general Arab struggle against Israel and they are preparing the organizational and ideological groundwork to join in the drive for the destruction of Israel," he said in an interview recently.

Eli Reches, director of Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute for Middle Eastern and African Studies, warns that too little attention is being paid to the growing radicalization of Israeli Arabs. In his view, the "Palestinization" of Israeli Arabs resulted from the renewal of contacts with their brethren in the occupied territories after 1967, and their perception that their status in society did not correspond with the economic gains they made.

A measure of the problem is that Rakah, Israel's Communist party, is now viewed by most Arabs as a moderating force rather than as a spearhead of Arab nationalist sentiment. Rakah controls 19 of 31 town councils in the Galilee, where the majority of Arabs live, and one in the Little Triangle region near the old Jordanian border. (Both areas were the scenes of serious disturbances in 1976 over the issue of land expropriation.) Yet Rakah leaders, despite their calls for Israel's withdrawal to the 1967 frontiers and their insistence that a Palestinian state must be created on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, are losing votes among young Israeli Arabs.

These radicals charge that Rakah has diluted its Arab-Palestinian nationalism by including Jews in the party and by championing Moscow-style Communism, which leaves them cold.

They also fault Rakah for opposing their view that concentrated areas of Arab population in central Galilee and the Little Triangle should be severed from Israel and be included in a future Palestinian state. Rakah believes that Israeli Arabs should be assured communal and regional rights as a distinct cultural and national unity, but the party is careful not to cross the fine line that divides such demands and plain irredentism.

The radicals who cannot accept Israel's existence belong to several organizations, including the PLO, Sons of the Village, and the Progressive Nationalist Movement. Unlike the middle-aged Arabs who comprise the leadership of Rakah, most of the activists in the aforementioned groups are in their 20s and 30s. Last January, six Arab Hebrew University students were expelled from the campus and confined to their villages by the army after being accused of circulating a leaflet supporting the PLO. They were members of the Progressive Nationalist Movement. Moshe Dayan, the foreign minister, warned the Arab community that Israel would not tolerate traitors in its midst. ". . . If they don't want to live together with us, then they will have to pay for it very dearly," he declared. In response to Dayan's remarks, four Arab university students, in an unusual act of defiance, called a press conference and publicly endorsed Arab terrorism and advocated an Arab national state in what is Israel.

Those Arabs in Israel who accept Israel's existence, grudgingly as it may be, usually cast their votes for Rakah, though the Labor Party and Likud also have Arab supporters.

(The New York Times)

The Arabs of Israel live mainly in towns and villages of Galilee and Little Triangle.

Nazareth is home to tens of thousands of Moslem and Christian Arabs. The town has been controlled by a Communist mayor since 1975, reflecting dissatisfaction of Israeli Arabs.

In addition to running many town councils, Rakah-sponsored student fronts control Arab students' committees in practically every university.

There are over 2,000 Arab university students today, compared with only 268 in 1966. As they see things, Arab graduates face bleak employment prospects. Their villages need few academics, and the Jewish marketplace absorbs only a handful of Arabs. Most graduates, out of necessity, go into public school teaching in Arab villages and towns.

According to Eli Reches, the old, co-operative Arab leadership is fading away and being replaced by the new radicalized generation. He claims that they are taking over Arab representative bodies in the nation and gearing them for confrontation with the government. And he points out that even ostensibly moderate Arab council chairmen find themselves obliged to toe an extremist position when dealing with government representatives.

The irony of it all is that Israel's Arabs, comprising 15% of the total population, have an enviable standard of living compared with their fellow Arabs in neighboring countries. But economic progress is obviously not enough to satisfy the psychological and political needs of many young Arabs.

This fact was underscored by the recent announcement in Jerusalem that Seif e-Din Zuabi, an Arab MK, was planning to resign his seat in the Knesset. Zuabi, who has been an MK since 1949, said he was stepping down because of the deterioration of relations between Arabs and Jews. An Arab whose loyalty to Israel has never been questioned, he explained that the radicalization of opinion among Israel's Arabs made him pessimistic about the future.

"Israeli democracy has not succeeded in improving Arab-Jewish relations," he said. "It has only created anarchy."

Skeptics may dismiss his analysis as inflammatory, but few Israelis will disagree that something is terribly wrong in Israel's Arab community.

Soccer seen as new step to fame, fortune in Israel

israel today

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT—

The Jewish mothers of Israel have a new dream.

They dream of "my son the soccer star."

For soccer, once considered just a waste of time by the achievement-oriented Jewish mothers (and fathers) of this country, is now regarded by many as a possible stepping stone to fame and fortune.

This transformation has been brought about by the increasingly high salaries paid to national league players in Israel itself and more particularly by the fact that Liverpool, Europe's top soccer team, has just shelled out $400,000 to buy 22-year-old Avi Cohen from Tel Aviv Maccabi.

Moreover, Cohen will probably soon be followed by 21-year-old Uri Mamillian of Jerusalem Betar, for whom the Olympic club of Marseilles is reportedly willing to pay $250,000.

Of course Israeli fans will miss Cohen and Mamillian, but, paradoxically, their departure may actually raise the level of local soccer because other players will presumably strive to play a better game in hopes of catching the eye of overseas teams and of following in the lucrative footsteps of these two young men.

Meanwhile, Israeli players certainly don't treat the game as seriously as do their counterparts in England and France, Argentina and the United States. Morning workouts, for example, are unheard of, and even afternoon training sessions tend to begin late and may even be skipped.

This probably reflects the fact that Israeli soccer is still moving gradually from lilly-white amateurism to pure professionalism, where professional work is expected in return for professional pay.

The process began about a decade ago when compensation for lost working hours was supplemented with substantial under-the-table payments. These became so large and obvious that the Soccer Federation decided to make the whole arrangement official.

Take-home pay for players on national league teams now ranges between $750 and $2,000 a month, which is very little by overseas standards, but still two or three times what an Israeli college professor or cabinet minister makes.

And top stars can earn thousands more if they agree to be photographed munching on a popular candy bar, wearing a new shirt just put on the market, or driving the latest model of some company's car.

Hopes for still higher salaries will depend, among other things, on an improvement in the soccer grounds, which are so dilapidated at present that many fans prefer to follow the games on radio and television rather than attend them in person.

Indeed, even the best facility in Israel, Tel Aviv's Bloomfield Stadium, lacks comfortable seats, decent restrooms, paved parking lots, and sufficient dressing rooms for the teams.

These will all be incorporated in the stadium that energetic Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is intent on building in the Shuafat Quarter of East Jerusalem. But its construction is in doubt because of the opposition of Orthodox elements, who violently object to the existence of a large sports facility, where games which desecrate the Sabbath will regularly be played, not far from religious neighborhoods. They have threatened to bring down the government on this issue and in the meantime are talking in terms of calling out 50,000 Orthodox Jews for anti-stadium demonstrations.

Soccer fans promise counter-demonstrations with 100,000 participants.

In any case, when decent stadiums do exist, crowds and incomes will presumably grow, thus permitting local clubs not only to sell their stars to British and French teams, but also to purchase British and French stars for their teams.

Dynamic politician Dianne Feinstein overcomes huge odds to become mayor

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., (JCNS)—

When Dianne Feinstein first ran for political office in her native San Francisco 10 years ago, she had two obvious liabilities—she was a woman and she was a Jewess, in a "masculine" city without a strong, organized Jewish voting block.

Today, the elegant 45-year-old Mrs. Feinstein is still a woman and still Jewish, but she is the mayor of San Francisco and the political pundits are guessing if and when she will run for U.S. senator or for governor of California.

Her life has not been unmarked by personal tragedy, including the death of her husband last year, and she reached her present office through a civic tragedy—the assassination last November of the then incumbent mayor, George Mascone, by a disgruntled politician.

Mrs. Feinstein was then serving as president of the city's legislative body, the board of supervisors, and automatically succeeded to the mayoralty. She will run for a four-year term in her own right in the upcoming November elections and is considered the favorite to beat her most likely challenger, Quentin Kopp, an outspoken Jewish politician.

Mayor Feinstein came to her Judaism partly by heredity and partly by choice. Her physician father, Dr. Leon Goldman, was Jewish, but her mother was a Roman Catholic, and Mrs. Feinstein received her early education at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco.

A schoolmate remembers Dianne Goldman as a girl "who always knew where she was going and there was no question in our minds that she was going to get there. When it came time to award ribbons for scholarship and citizenship, the nuns generally favored Dianne."

Encouraged by both her parents to be a free thinker, Dianne made up her mind at the age of 20, after studying at both the convent and a Jewish Sunday School. "I chose Judaism, because I liked the simplicity of the religion, the directness," she recalls. "I was also aware of the prejudice that exists and our distinct heritage, and I felt a need to go in that direction."

After graduating from Stanford University with a degree in history and political science, she worked as a government intern and married Jack Berman, an attorney. The couple had one daughter, Katherine Anne, now 21 and a political science student at the University of California.

The marriage was subsequently dissolved, and 17 years ago, the future mayor married Dr. Bertram Feinstein, a leading brain surgeon, who died of cancer a little over a year ago.

Recently, Mrs. Feinstein has been sporting a ruby and diamond engagement ring and has announced that she plans to marry Richard Blum, an investment banker, later this year.

Among San Francisco's 35,000 Jews, about 5% of the population, Mrs. Feinstein is not considered particularly involved in Jewish affairs, although she maintains a nominal membership in Congregation Sherith Israel, a Reform congregation, and the B'nai B'rith Women. She visited Israel as a private citizen some years ago.

However, Mrs. Feinstein's political future will depend less on her Jewishness than on her handling of the affairs of volatile San Francisco, every tourist's favorite American city and inheritor of the brawling, sinful legacy of the 1849 Gold Rush days.

Although the city is predominantly Catholic, with a strong Italian influence, it has a large Chinese and growing black population, and 15% of the residents form a politically potent homosexual voting block.

So far, Mrs. Feinstein has received high marks for coolness and competence in two critical situations. First, the assassination of her predecessor and then the mass suicide of cult members belonging to the Peoples' Temple, whose home base is San Francisco.

Mrs. Feinstein herself is no stranger to violence. In 1976, her city home was firebombed and the windows of her beach house were shot out. She knows how to use firearms, but does not carry a gun.

"I'm no stranger to death," she says. "My philosophy is that you're here for an instant in an eternity and it's only what you leave behind that counts," adding: "I guess I have a heightened sense of the shortness of life."

Mrs. Feinstein is the second Jewish mayor in San Francisco history. The first was Adolph Sutro, who was elected in 1895.

One of the striking exhibits at ROM is a 12th century B.C. trolley from possibly Cyprus.

ROM spans 5,000 year history with scholar's great collection

By BEVERLEY STERN

"And he dreamed, and, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. . . ." (Genesis 28:12)

As the ziggurat of Ur was the stairway for the Sumerian gods, so was Jacob's vision of a ladder the point of contact with the Hebrew God.

Both express man's need to make a physical link with the god or gods which so arbitrarily controlled the forces of life and death 7,000 years ago.

The all-pervasive world of the sacred in Near Eastern civilizations is the major thrust of the **Ladders to Heaven** exhibit now on at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)—an exhibit which unfolds the grandeur of the Judaeo-Christian heritage from 5,000 BCE to 500 CE.

Opened last week and expected to run for the next four months, Ladders to Heaven assembles the privately owned antiquities of the renowned biblical and Near Eastern scholar, Elie Borowski.

A man with a super-human grasp of the multi-cultured Near Eastern civilizations, Borowski is a 20th century Gilgamesh in search of immortality for a period of human history that marked the rise of the West.

Intense, erudite, restless, a "daredevil" linguist conversant in 12 languages and master of cunieform writing, Borowski started collecting his valuable Near Eastern antiquities in the early 1940s as an interned French soldier in Switzerland.

While he sold his early antiquities to save his family living in Poland, Borowski, in the years that followed, acquired more than 1,700 rare, priceless and breathtaking artifacts from the smallest cylinder seals and plaques to large wall mosaics and sarcophagi.

Hailed by international scholars from five continents, the exhibit can be viewed on a guided tour or by renting a cassette tape machine which cost $2 a person or $3 for one machine with two headsets.

For Borowski, the **Ladders to Heaven** exhibit reveals the two major motifs of the Western world: the transcendental and God-centred attitude which reached its apogee in Judaeo-Christian traditions, and that of the humanist, man-centred ideals with their most classical expression with the Greeks and Romans.

But above all, the show startles the modernist who thinks of the Bible solely in terms of myth and literature.

Elie Borowski

"I have always looked for artifacts which illustrate, explain or confirm the narratives or events known to me from biblical or cunieform sources," says the Warsaw-born scholar, who is 65 years old, white-bearded, ageless and handsome.

"The stories from the Bible are not merely Hans Christian Anderson fairy tales," he continued, "but they are the stories of the way people lived and events that really happened."

The ancient cultures from Mesopotamia and Egypt, Greece and Rome, tell us who we are, and how we became what we are today, he underlines. Out of the emerging agricultural economies, towns, villages, city-states, comes our entire Western philosophic, literary, artistic and linguistic heritage.

Included in the exhibition are about 100 intricately carved stamp and cylinder seals used in the ancient Near East. The former were used to seal pottery against theft of contents as well as to indicate ownership and authority. Often made of fine stones such as rock crystal, jasper, lapis luzuli and serpentine, the seals were worn as ornaments or amulets to ward off evil spirits.

Miniature masterpieces of carving, they recorded customs and great events. There are fascinating scenes of divinities building a temple (circa 2,200 BCE), a royal hunt with an Assyrian king and galloping horses (800 BCE), and many finely detailed descriptions of ritual worship, mythical creatures and heraldic motifs.

Borowski's collection is, at present, in the hands of the Lands of the Bible Archeology Foundation (LBAF), a registered Canadian charitable organization which was specifically established in Toronto in 1976 to provide a permanent home for his objects.

He chose Canada, he says, because he did not want the collection in any country that was "religiously parochial, narrowly nationalistic or predisposed to ethnic favoritism."

Borowski, who speaks rapidly and cannot sit still, loathes any kind of bureaucracy — political, religious or academic.

"I chose to assign this collection, not to a single museum or gallery where it might suffer the perils of institutionalism, but to a foundation which will hold it in trust for all people of good will," says Borowski, who is now a Canadian citizen, but lives in Basle, Switzerland.

Borowski's life reads like a movie script with flashing scenarios in major European cities as he keeps one step ahead of the Nazis and anti-Semitism in the '30s and '40s. After the war, he comes to Toronto and eventually New York, where he becomes a successful dealer and collector in Near Eastern artifacts.

In the early '30s, he studies at the University of Berlin, and the University of Florence where he majors in science, literature and philosophy and also wins a prize in Italian literature. From there he attends the college of rabbinical studies in Italy where he graduates summa cum laude with almost perfect marks in every subject.

In 1935, his reputaion growing as a talmudist and biblical scholar, he is called to the famous ancient town of Epirus on the west coast of Greece to become the rabbi for 6,000 Jewish families. He stays in this position from May to November and then leaves, finding the conventional religious life not to his liking.

Returning to Near Eastern studies at the University of Florence, he caps off his Italian sojourn with three years at the Pontifical Institute in Rome. Smelling the fetidness of racism, he leaves to study at the school of graduate studies at the Sorbonne. In 1941, his worst fears materialize. France is attacked and easily overtaken. As a volunteer soldier in the French army with other Jewish students, he fights on the Maginot Line and is later interned in Switzerland for the duration of the war.

Despite confinement, his reputation as a linguist and Near Eastern man of learning has become well-known, and he is called in to assess the costly antiquities which begin to flow into the Swiss vaults along with gems, art and cash. His own personal collection starts, when, with four months salary, he acquires a cylinder seal possibly belonging to the Shallum period around 747 BCE.

14th-13 century B.C. bronze figure at ROM

After the war, Borowski answers a call from Poland to build up the national museum and to set up cultural exchanges, but, unable to reconcile his feelings about the Holocaust, he returns, heavy-hearted, to Geneva, Switzerland. Working for the Swiss museum, he writes his thesis on cylinder seals at the University of Geneva and obtains his Doctor of Letters in 1946.

Under a Lady Davis scholarship for displaced scholars after the end of the war, Borowski enters Canada and starts to work at ROM cataloguing stories on stamp and cylinder seals. During this time he becomes a Canadian citizen but there is not enough work to keep him either busy or solvent.

Borowski leaves for New York and, as a consultant to museums, he comes in contact with private collections that soon inspire him to start selecting the finest for his own private collection.

After the tragic death of his one and only son in an air crash about five years ago, Borowski, also divorced, at last considers the consolidation of his collection in a permanent home in honor of his son's memory.

With the help of Doug Tushingham, ROM's chief archeologist, the LBAF was set up to make Borowski's collection a continuous and fascinating link with the past.

The present board of directors of the LBAF who are committed to taking the exhibit on tour, making it the subject of further learning, research, scholarship and publication, include: Senator Allister Grosart, Dr. Douglas Tushingham, Robert H. Eldridge, Dr. T. Cuyler Young, Jr., Dr. Elie Borowski, Donald Carr, Bruce B. Lockwood, Leon Pomerance, and Dr. Abraham Waisglass.

Jewish seminary in Hungary still serves after 100 years

By EDMOND Y. LIPSITZ

[Second of three articles]

In the years 1946-1948, I was a young man studying at the Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest and, of course, that was one of the first places I visited on my first trip back to Hungary 30 years later. Dr. Alexander Scheiber was my teacher and mentor in those early years of my life. He had instilled in me a love for my Jewish heritage and a dedication to my people that has been with me ever since. Dr. Scheiber is now the principal of the seminary. He is a world-renowned scholar and lecturer who just recently received an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati.

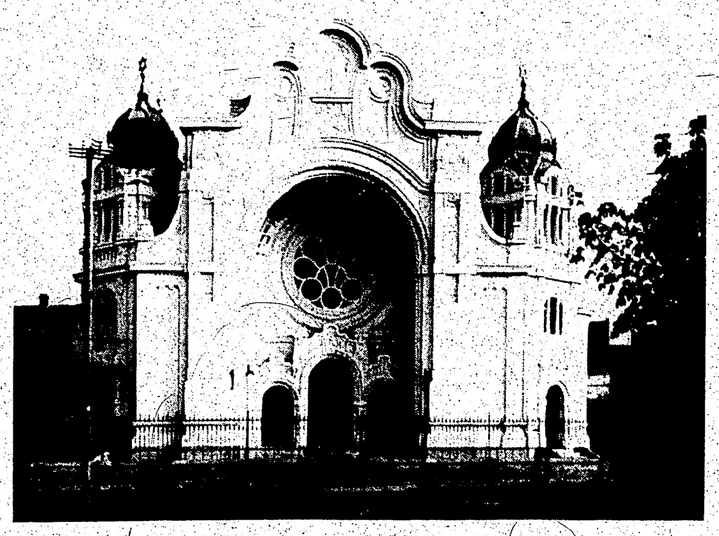
After a lengthy discussion of the past and present, my first concern to Dr. Scheiber about the future was "What are the chances for Jewish survival in Hungary?" Dr. Scheiber answered my question with a question: "What are the chances for Jewish survival on the North American continent?" The point he was trying to make was that there is really **no** point in exercising the futilities of prophesy. His message was not unlike that of Shammai of the Mishnah: that we should count our blessings from day to day.

In this respect one can plainly see the truly admirable job that Dr. Scheiber is doing in trying to maintain Jewish life in Eastern Europe, at least in the short term. The seminary, now in its 100th year, continues on a somewhat smaller scale to ordain rabbis to serve the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. Presently most of the seminary's students come from Hungary, but there are also students from East Germany and Czechoslovakia and as late as 1973-74 there were a number of students from the Soviet Union. These students, when they receive their ordination, return to their home communities where they function as spiritual leaders. In addition to preparing rabbis for Jewish life in Hungary, the seminary also has a cantorial school. Its choir, consisting of 40 voices, last year issued a record called **Hebrew Melodies for Sabbath and High Holidays**.

The seminary maintains a library of over 220,000 volumes. Jewish books are published with the assistance of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture of New York, and Dr. Scheiber is the editor of a Year Book describing Jewish life, as well as other scholarly works which appear every year. (Note also that a fortnightly newspaper, Uj Elet, similar to The Canadian Jewish News, is published by the Jewish community and contains reports about Jewish life, announcements of upcoming community events, questions to the rabbi and features of current interest.)

On the high-school level there is the Anne Frank Co-ed High School where the secular studies are similar to the studies in any high school in Hungary but in addition the students receive some Jewish education. To the best of my knowledge there are presently about 15 students studying in this high school. Jewish education is also provided in afternoon schools. The emphasis is on the celebration of holidays and on Bible studies. The major aim, however, is to prepare the children for synagogue services, by teaching them to read Hebrew. Those students who excel are able to read the Torah and even the Megillah. Part of the curriculum of these afternoon schools also deals with teaching the children to serve as leaders of a congregational service by acquainting them with the Nusach of various services.

There is also an Orthodox Yeshiva in Budapest, offering advanced Jewish studies, Talmud and Chumash with Rashi.



The stately synagogue in Hodmezovasarhely, Hungary, is today in ruins because of neglect.

Letters to the Editor

Clark failed to honor his pledge

I doubt if through the entire history of Canada have we ever had a prime minister to renege on a solemn pledge immediately upon assuming office! Mr. Clark did pledge publicly to the Canadian people, to the prime minister of Israel, that if he were elected, a top priority would be to move the Canadian embassy in Israel to Jerusalem! This was repeated often to the voters in the riding of St. Pauls by our new minister of immigration and manpower Ron Atkey.

When making his pledge, are we to believe that Mr. Clark at the time, did not have sufficient intelligence to realize he would soon be facing the wrath of the Arab blackmailers, oil barons, plus all Arab Israeli haters, plus our own brand of Jew haters? They soon came crawling out of the wood work.

If Mr. Clark could not or would not recognize or did not have the guts to face facts then surely his "able think tank" and the mandarins in the department of external affairs should have made him aware of what he had to face.

I do not buy the stories now circulating that Mr. Clark did not implement his pledge because "he did not receive more support from the Jewish voters." That's so much baloney. I don't believe anyone of the Jewish faith should crawl and now make apologies for either Mr. Clark or Mr. Atkey because Mr. Clark failed to have either the decency or the guts to honor a pledge not only to us of the Jewish faith, but all Canadians!!

Samuel Ross,
Willowdale

During the current controversy in the Toronto Star on the proposed move of the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem, a few of our Jewish community have joined the Canadian Council of Churches, the Royal Bank president and a number of other Arab supporters in condemning the Clark election promise. Any Jew who still cowers and grovels at the feet of the Arab oil sheiks and their supporters deserves to be condemned by Jews who still have red blood in their veins and will support our brothers in Israel and around the world.

Pious platitudes from the United Nations or from the United States did not create or preserve Israel. Only a handful of brave Jewish men and women who took up arms and fought with courage in 1948 and many times after, did preserve Israel. Any Jew in Canada need not quake and tremble at any shrill cries of dire consequences from our Arab enemy and their supporters.

Henry Aiken,
Downsview, Ont.

Air Canada

We were quite displeased to read recently Air Canada's attitude and position regarding adherence to the Arab boycott of the state of Israel.

As Canadians, citizens of a democratic country, we are personally appalled that a Canadian-owned company should support the policies of the dictators and anarchists rather than the policies of a democratic state.

Upon hearing Air Canada's recent statements, we had no choice but to cancel all present and future plans that involve using Air Canada.

We might mention that we recently had flights booked to Miami via Air Canada which we cancelled rebooking via Delta Airlines.

It is our intention, too, to boycott Air Canada and to try to organize others to do the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rolsman,
Laval, Que.

Non support

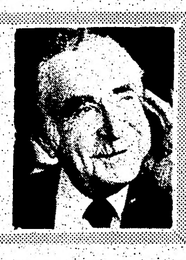
I was rather surprised at the lack of support this paper gives to Prime Minister Begin of Israel — as a matter of fact very little of that subject was found in that particular issue.

It is evident that your paper is not a very enthusiastic supporter of the present Israeli government. It was my understanding that the Canadian community supports Israel, and not a particular political segment.

And as for the general Canadian community, I find a lack of direction by those who are supposed to be the leaders and on whom a community generally depends on for inspiration and enthusiasm.

Max Katkin,
Montreal

Why was Joe Clark forced to make a humiliating retreat?



By J.B. SALSBERG

Prime Minister Joe Clark "defused" the tense situation that had developed as a result of his publicized pledge to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv, where it is now located, to Jerusalem, where it belongs, since that city is the capital of Israel.

Clark accomplished that by appointing Robert Stanfield, the former national leader of the Conservative party, to act as his "special representative" to all concerned parties in the Middle East in an effort to find a "satisfactory" solution to the problem.

The issue has thus been moved to the back of the political stove and in the meantime, everything remains as it was — our embassy remain where it is — in Tel Aviv.

Why did Mr. Clark find it necessary to make his humiliating retreat? Because a number of influential leaders of Arab countries arrogantly threatened Canada with dire economic retribution if its newly elected government would implement its election promise to move our embassy to Jerusalem.

That such threats are intolerable and unacceptable goes without saying. To the credit of our country it should be noted that many prominent non-Jewish Canadians publicly rejected the offensive outside interference in the shaping of Canada's foreign policy. That also goes for a number of this country's largest and most influential newspapers, whose editorial comments were unequivocal in rejecting the Arab threats.

But the official "business community" and altogether too many of its spokesmen and associations capitulated, ingloriously before the threat of economic reprisals. They, our Canadian captains of industry, "warned" the government and they threatened the average Canadian with the loss of employment. As a result, frightened people wrote to the press expressing their fear. Others questioned the loyalty of those Canadians who openly supported the government's intent to transfer the embassy to the capital of Israel. All in all it was a sorry spectacle that should have caused many to lower their heads in shame.

In the aftermath I am troubled by a number of unanswered questions.

How did the whole thing start and how did it snowball?

All Jews who support Israel and all governments of the Jewish state have considered and, indeed, proclaimed the ancient Jewish capital as the capital of today's reborn state. All governments of modern Israel have never ceased in their efforts to secure international recognition of this fact of life. Jews everywhere gave wholehearted political support to this effort.

In the United States, where the largest concentration of Jews live, Jewish and non-Jewish support for the official recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is so great that the Democratic party made this objective an important part of its platform. The Democratic party's presidential candidates have all endorsed that plank in their platform and all committed themselves to its implementation.

That Canadian Jews and their friends should openly raise the issue of moving our embassy to Jerusalem with all political parties and at every federal election is quite understandable. It is the right, the just and democratic thing to do.

But how did it happen that this proposition became a dominating issue in the last federal election? Surely the Jewish vote isn't that great in our country to have caused the dramatic escalation of the issue.

Furthermore, as any careful examination of the mythical Jewish vote in the May 22 elections will show, there really was no such distinct Jewish vote.

By and large the Jewish areas seem to have blended into the prevailing voting patterns in the given electoral districts and neighborhoods. My evaluation of the election convinces me that more Liberals were elected in areas where the Jewish vote was of any significance than were Conservatives. That was so in Quebec, in Ontario and even in Manitoba.

But if it was a concerted Jewish campaign around the issue of Jerusalem, then why didn't the "Jewish vote" swing dramatically to the Conservatives? Is it because Canadian Jews are indifferent to this question? Nonsense! They are concerned and they are, in the overwhelming majority in favor of moving our embassy. And if the Jewish vote did not swing significantly from the Liberals to the Conservatives was it due to the fact that the Jewish leadership didn't try enough to bring about such a swing?

Or, heaven forbid, was it because so many Jewish voters considered the last minute declaration of Mr. Clark to move the embassy as only an election ploy and merely took it in their stride?

As you see, my friends, there are many interesting questions that remain unanswered.

One of them is: who did what and why? Who controlled the levers of authority in our Jewish community when all that happened?

That our leaders and our press should now try to put the best face on the whole experience is understandable. But to me those post-mortem rationalizations seems rather pathetic.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

HEBREW-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

The field of Hebrew-English lexicography (the editing or making of a dictionary) has been recently enriched by the publication of the new Comprehensive Modern Hebrew-English Dictionary, published by Yeda, Jerusalem. The author, Morris Wittenberg, a well-known Toronto Hebrew scholar, died shortly after the publication of the second volume last year. His updated, two-volume work follows the method used by international lexicographers which not only explains the primary meaning of each word, but also lists and explains all later connotations, illustrating the usage of each. An interesting innovation is the inclusion of modern Hebrew slang and colloquialisms which makes for a better comprehension of spoken and written Hebrew. The book is available by writing the author's widow, Nellie Wittenberg, at 627 Bedford Park, Toronto, M5M 1K4, or phoning her at 783-8447.

ORT NEWS

ORT's Sunday Festival on July 8, a project of the Golda Meir Chapter, features a simultaneous chess exhibition game against 20 players by Canadian women's chess champion Nava Shterenberg, musical entertainment by her husband Isaak, plus a demonstration of facial rejuvenation by Mme. Chiro of Montreal.

A dessert-luncheon is included in the admission. It all takes place from 1-5 p.m. at the Kleinsteins. For details, call 787-0297.

A champagne luncheon for members of the Golden Circle Club ($1,000 donors) was held at the home of Gizella Levkovits yesterday. National president of Women's Canadian ORT Dorothy Shoichet was on hand to launch the World Union ORT centenary celebrations in Toronto. World Union ORT was founded in 1880 in Russia.

LARGEST GRADUATION CLASS

This year's graduating class of the Associated Hebrew Schools was the largest in the schools' history. Rabbi Akiva Egozi, educational director, reports that at the annual graduation exercises last evening at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda auditorium, 140 Grade 9 students received their diplomas.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

A number of Toronto rabbis, mainly from Beth Jacob High School, Ner Israel Yeshiva and the Kollel, will be giving classes for girls and women during the summer months. Here's a list of the topics and dates: — **Happiness** (July 5); **Tefillah** (July 11); **Remembering the Destruction of the Temple** (July 16); **Kiruv Rechokim** — the return to tradition Judaism (July 23); **Midos** — improving your character (July 30); **Belief in Our Sages** (Aug. 6); **Holocaust** (Aug. 13), and **Loving Your Fellow Jew** (Aug. 20). All sessions take place at 8 p.m. at Beth Jacob High School. For more information, call the school at 789-4949 or the Jewish Education Program at 781-1081.

CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

Children of Holocaust survivors, who have lived most of their lives in Canada and who are more than 18 years of age, can help provide material for research work being done for a PhD in clinical psychology. Participation would mean filling out a questionaire. If interested, call Penny Mepen at 633-1621 evenings or Dr. Henry Fenigstein at 787-5331 during office hours.

FOR SINGLES

The Total Living Group has scheduled a barbecue for this Saturday, July 7, at 8 p.m. at Downsview Dells Park (Sheppard W., between Keele and Jane). Reservations are a must, so call 636-7047 or 782-4027.

Also on Saturday, the 7th, the Beth Tzedec Sunday Brunch Singles is having an "evening under the stars" with a late buffet dinner and dancing, all beginning at 8:30. Reservations only by calling Ethel Lebovic at 491-0653 or Danny Goldberg at 789-5520.

A summer singles bash for ages 20 and up takes place Sunday, the 8th, at the Executive Club, 491 Lawrence Ave. W. It begins at 7:30 p.m. with a discussion on **How to Beat Inflation** by Jay Smith of Merrill Lynch Royal Securities Ltd. Then there's a social.

Group 11 has two activities lined up for this month — On Sunday, the 8th, a picnic begins at 3 p.m. at Sherwood Park (one block east of Mount Pleasant, five blocks north of Eglinton) complete with board games, co-ed baseball (that's at 4:30 and bring your own bats and balls, gloves and umpires) and a barbecue at 6 (you are responsible for your own food and beverages), followed by a sing-a-long and marshmallow roast... Then on Saturday, the 14th, a dance has been arranged at the Roehampton Place Hotel at 8 p.m. For information on both events, call Saul at 222-4437.

The In Group (ages 27-43, ladies to 39) promises an evening of enlightenment and entertainment on Wednesday, the 11th. It begins with a panel discussion from 7:45-9 on **Loneliness and The Single — The Alternative** with social worker Elliot Larman, lawyer Lillian Goldstein and businessman Kel Mandelbaum, and ends up with a disco dance featuring disc jockey John Murden. It takes place at Ona's Disco, 1992 Yonge St.

JOURNEY INTO OUR HERITAGE

Journey Into Our Heritage, a travelling exhibit on the history of Jews in Western Canada, is at the North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., until July 13. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibition was designed by the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and brought to Toronto by the Toronto Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region Archives.

CAMP NER MEIR

Camp Ner Meir, a project of the Jewish Education Program, for newly-arrived immigrants from Eastern Europe, is now accepting applications for its third year of operation. The camp is geared to girls between the ages of six and 12. Call the camp office at 781-1081.

Arab and Caravan Jerusalem pavilions fail to inspire passion or history of city

comment

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

As esthetic successes go, Metro International Caravan's Jerusalem Pavilion was far from brilliant.

And Al-Quds, the unofficial Arab pavilion staged outside the framework of Caravan, was no better.

Each pavilion may have attracted respectable crowds, but neither conveyed the passion and the history of this historical city.

After all the sound and fury occasioned by the controversy surrounding the pavilions, an observer could be excused if he expected something grand and even sweeping. This year's version of a tale of two cities was fair at best and uninspiring at worst.

Compared with some of Caravan's superior pavilions—Amsterdam and Krakow, for example—Jerusalem and Al-Quds (Arabic for Jerusalem), fared rather badly. Next to such pavilions as Rome or Seoul, Jerusalem and Al-Quds held their own.

In absolute terms, however, both failed, in one degree or another.

Jerusalem's theme was a marketplace, but the props in the lobby of the Jewish Community Centre that were supposed to convey the atmosphere of a Middle Eastern souk were pallid and limp. Surely a more exciting and colorful presentation could have been mounted. As an eye-catcher, the marketplace was a disaster.

The outdoor cafe, such as it was, turned out to be drab, lacking the vitality and warmth of an Israeli cafe.

And the exhibits inside, sponsored by various Jewish organizations, were largely unattractive and unappealing. **Sights and Sounds of the Eternal City**, the canned audio-visual, was ordinary, though admittedly more interesting than the exhibits.

What saved the pavilion from oblivion were the entertainers.

They were really good. They provided the joie de vivre that the rest of the pavilion so obviously lacked.

Ahuva Shai, a pert Yemenite singer, was sparkling and delightful, effervescent and wholly appealing. In a combination of Hebrew, Yiddish and English, she won over audiences. The Nirkoda Israeli Dancers were equally as fine, and the Israeli fashion show probably enlightened a lot of people who still believe that Israelis favor kibbutz clothes.

True to their word, the organizers of Jerusalem eschewed politics, concentrating on culture, humanities and science instead.

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The Al-Quds pavilion, held at the East York Community Centre, was in some ways blatantly political. The literature at the door, such as "The Middle East Situation: Crisis in Understanding and Truth" by Heath Macquarrie, was one-sidedly pro-Arab. And a pamphlet on Al-Quds' background contained this sentence: "Right now most of us are denied by the Israeli occupiers the right to go back to Al-Quds, but we cannot forget it or abandon it as our sacred city. Like all its former inhabitants we echo the famous Palestinian motto: We shall return."

Khaled Mouammar, one of the organizers, made no apologies. "It's factual," he said. "It's part of the reality of Al-Quds."

(Ben Lechtman photo)

The Nirkoda Israeli Dancers go through one of their routines at Caravan's Jerusalem Pavilion.

Politics aside, Al-Quds was amateurish in the extreme.

There were displays of brass and copper plates, Turkish coffee sets, wood carvings and crucifixes, some of them made in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Travel posters were pinned on walls, as was the black, white, green and red Palestinian flag. Jim Peters, a major figure in the Canadian Arab community, was dressed in a long striped robe, cast in the unlikely role of a wood carver. On stage, a troupe of young men and women danced and sung. A smattering of Arabic food was sold in the back of the spacious hall in which the Al-Quds festival was held.

Like Jerusalem, Al-Quds did not excite or inspire.

The qualities that make Jerusalem—or Al-Quds—such a wonderful and spiritual place were simply missing.

Volunteers in a practical world are a luxury, according to columnist

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

At a volunteer recognition dinner sponsored by the Centre for Creative Living, Jeannette Stein, chairman of the Committee on Volunteerism, thanked all those who had contributed hundreds of hours to the organization throughout the year, while guest speaker Laura Sabia encouraged more organized activity on behalf of women's rights.

She noted that volunteers are a luxury in a world that has become very practical. "Day by day their numbers decrease as more and more of them equate their worth in terms of dollars and cents."

"Volunteers are civilization. They reflect this nation's compassion, unselfishness, caring, and just plain loving one another. Their very presence transcends politics, religion, ethnic background, even sexism."

North York Controller Esther Shiner presented award pins and certificates. Esther Cooper, Dorothy Parlow, and Fred Plener, each received a pin plus six stones plus one diamond for individually devoting 1800 hours. Pins plus six stones for 1500 hours, went to Tillie Bloom, Bessie Sachs, and Becky Shore. Sybil Cohen's pin plus four stones represented 1100 hours. Esther Farache, Izzy Samet, Sam Taufer, and Joe Waldman, accepted pins plus two stones for 700 hours. Bela Goldberg, Rose Kay and Ada Waldman, were given pins plus one stone for 500 hours.

Silver pins, indicating 300 hours' service were given to Kitty Cohen, Rose Davidson, Flora Grossman, Mary Iseman, Dora Kirshenblatt, Ida Lipson, Mollie Perlman, Jack Petroff, and Joseph Teplitsky.

Certificates were presented to those who offered from 60 to 100 hours of their time.

Guest speaker Laura Sabia, blunt exponent of women's rights, urged her largely female audience to look into legislation affecting women, and demonstrate their concern. "You have various groups, for bridge, for discussion. Have one for your own concerns."

The former Ontario Status of Women Council chairman and current Toronto Sun columnist, derided and debunked sexist attitudes in government, advertising, and education.

In 1918, Sabia affirmed, Canadian statute books contained the statement, "No woman, idiot, or imbecile shall vote."

We've been brainwashed by tradition and religion, by society completely, to believe that our function is to nurture the men and children. Decisions on contraception and abortion have been made by men for women."

She ridiculed TV commercials which portray women as something less than bright. "What about that poor creature with her head in the dirty oven. She's been cleaning it for 25 years.

School texts came in for a roasting. "We checked once and discovered that girls could do eight little things like secretarial work, mothering, baking cookies. Boys were capable of 42."

And she blasted government legislation.

"The new Ontario property law is a bunch of baloney and crap. The politicians have conned you. You think you're going to get half of everything at the dissolution of marriage. But it's the house that is divided, not the contents, not the business, stocks, bonds, RRSP's, or pension funds."

"In fact," says Sabia, wryly, "on a farm, the couple divides the house but not the acreage. The wife is allowed two feet of property around the house and a right of way to the outhouse!"

Conceding that she has made "precious few changes" in her 20 years of activism, she deplored the minimal female representation particularly at the federal level in government. "We can blame ourselves because there is only one woman in cabinet. We are our own worst enemies."

"Women should vote for a woman candidate because she is intelligent and knows what she is doing, because she is "as good as, not better than, a man."

Dinner chairman for the evening was Anne Sussman and Rose Plenner was co-chairman.

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CJN's Leisure Pleasures columnist **Vivienne Muhling** is co-producing, along with **Jim Burt,** a full-length cabaret production of **Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl.** The musical, two song-filled acts about the trials and tribulations that the working girl has faced over the past 100 years, opens this Monday, July 11, at Pears Cabaret, 138 Pears Ave. The authors **Francine Volker** and **Judith Orban** will star in their original roles — last winter there was a one-act lunchtime presentation at Solar Stage — joined by musical director **Iris Paabo.**

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Jerry Bromstein, principal of Grange Public School, Ancaster, Ont., has been appointed to the Ontario Education Communications Authority (OECA) by Premier William Davis. OECA has representation from every professional field. Included in its jurisdiction is the programming of educational network, TV Ontario. The appointment is for a three-year term.

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The appointment of Rabbi **Eliezer Rokach** as principal of the elementary Hebrew studies department of Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools has been announced by school president **Harold Dessen.** Born and educated in Jerusalem, Rabbi Rokach comes to the Associated with a wide background in Judaic education and administration. He was chairman of the education department in Kiriat Arba, Israel, and formerly the associate principal of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami, Miami Beach, Florida, and has held teaching posts in New York and New Jersey. Rabbi **Akiva Egozi,** Associated School educational director, has indicated that Rabbi Rokach will be responsible for the Hebrew studies of the Finch and Beth David branches.

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This Sunday, July 8, Orot Yerushalayim Aliyah Group is hosting a public farewell reception for Rabbi **Meyer and Vicki Berglas** who were founders of the aliyah group. The reception is called for 7:30 p.m. at Ulpanat Orot Girls School, 4445 Bathurst St.

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Gayle Nussbaum graduated from Wilson Heights Junior High School this term, receiving the top academic award for the second year running — the first Wilson Heights student to take top place two years in a row. In addition, the 14-year-old youngster, who is interested, among other things, in art, tennis and gymnastics, was named all-around student by her teachers. Gayle is going on to William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate in the fall.

She is the daughter of Aaron and Bella Nussbaum.

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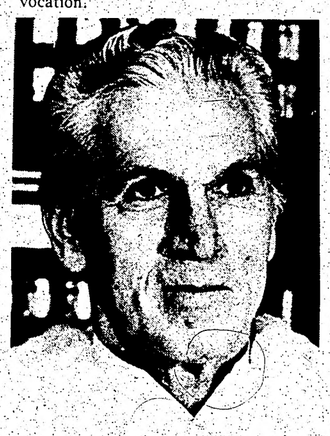
Canada's Chief Justice **Bora Laskin** was given an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, at its recent spring convocation.



Chief Justice Bora Laskin

Volunteer work a way of life for Mollie Rothman

TORONTO —

Volunteer work is a way of life for Mollie Rothman, recently installed as president of Toronto Council, Pioneer Women. Raising a family of five has not prevented her from involvement in the work of Pioneer Women in which she has held every major portfolio at one time or another. She is a past president of Beth Torah Congregation for two years, she was the first woman to hold that position in a Toronto synagogue. She is immediate past president of Beth Torah's sisterhood.

Mrs. Rothman succeeds Etty Danzig in the presidency. She holds the office for a two-year term.

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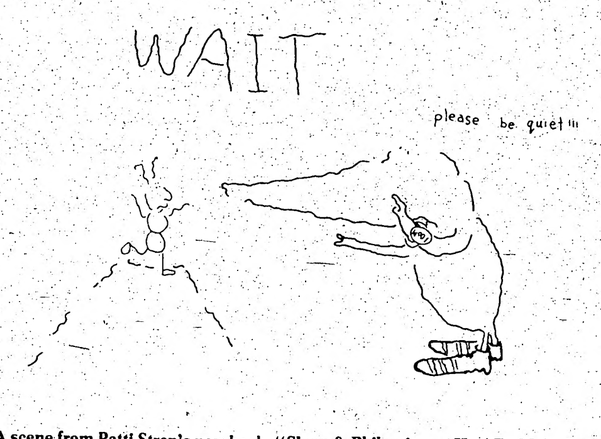


A scene from Patti Stren's new book, "Sloan & Philamina or How To Make Friends With Your Lunch." The author was born in Brantford. She is 29 years old.

Children's author Patti Stren, 29, has wide following

By DAVID BIRKAN

Patti Stren

TORONTO—
Brantford-born childrens' author Patti Stren is 29 years of age going on 17. That is, she seems to plunge into living and writing with all the zest of an ingenue who has just come into her place in the world and likes it very, very much.

Ms. Stren, whose books, **I Never Met An Elephant I Didn't Like** and **Hug Me**, have made her something of a cult figure in North American campuses as well as a favorite of mothers and children, writes and illustrates according to her premise that most children's books are too preachy.

Yet, as exemplified in her latest book, a story that is told well can plant its own moral deep in the reader's mind without having to bulldoze it in with a lot of asides and extraneous comments.

Sloan and Philamena (or, **How To Make Friends With Your Lunch**), Clarke Irwin, $8.95, is about an ant who befriends the anteater who is about to gobble her down for lunch. They set up house together, and complication after complication follows as they resist the demands of nature and of their responsive sets of friends and family. Essentially, it can be seen as boiling down to Isaiah's messianic vision, except that instead of the lion lying down with the lamb, Ms. Stren presents a situation with ant and anteater. The appeal to adults, as well as children, is obvious.

Sloan and Philamena was named one of the 50 best books of the year by the Children's Book Centre, on Avenue Road. As well as her own books, Ms. Stren is involved in illustrating for U.S. glossies like Ms., Self, and Essence (a magazine for black people).

While her current popularity is a product of the past three or four years, the very thought of having any sort of career, let alone one as successful as this, was far from her mind when she graduated from the University of Toronto in 1973. At that time, she was overweight and confused, feeling very much like an ugly duckling who would never blossom forth, as she told The Canadian Jewish News in an interview recently.

The turning point came when she set out on her first of two summers as a volunteer in Israel's Tel Hashomer Hospital, where she worked with autistic children.

"I had to communicate with these children on a non-verbal basis, with my eyes, with my hands, with all sorts of gestures," she said. "This brought out a creative sensitivity in me. Also, the children were very sensual in everything they did. For example, they didn't just gulp down a glass of water when they drank: they seemed to taste every little bit of it. Every sip was a brand new experience for them.

"This stimulated something in me, and I wrote my first poem. It made me feel great."

On her return, she decided to develop a peculiar doodling ability she rediscovered in herself, and she signed up at the Ontario College of Art for two years. "I felt happiest when I was drawing. The teachers encouraged me to develop my own style. I began to thrive. At last, I had found my place in the world."

Afterwards, she went to New York's School of Visual Arts to pursue her training. At the same time, she and a partner, Rosemary Allison, formed a publishing company to put out **I Never Met A Monster I Didn't Like**, Ms. Stren's first book. Her popularity with it and subsequent books spread like wildfire. **Hug Me**, first published in 1977 by Harper and Row, is now in its fourth printing.

Ms. Stren credits her warm and affectionate family in Brantford for instilling in her the concern for people that is so apparent in her books. "My mother Sadie Stren—who worries a lot about me—was head of the Beth David's Sunday school program for many years. Her selfless efforts on behalf of the shul has been a shining example to me. My grandfather—he used to blow the shofar every year—taught me the importance of trying to pass on the experiences of our older generations, who lived far different lives than ours." Ms. Stren added that she would try to communicate more of such experiences in her future works.

Ms. Stren's goals remain the same as they were three years ago: "I want to be able to write books that touch me and touch others, that make people laugh and cry," she said. And also, she added, "I want to make my parents proud."

July 15-19, Brantford runs Jewish Village

BRANTFORD —
Brantford's Jewish Village, held in the Beth David Synagogue, will again open as part of the Brantford International Villages Festival being celebrated from July 15-19.

The Village has served as a means of acquainting the people of Brantford, as well as visitors from surrounding communities, with its Jewish populations and through exhibits, lectures, slides, illustrative material and entertainment, to acquaint them with the problems and successes of Jews in Brantford, in the Diaspora, and in Israel.

The Village also provides the opportunity for a visit from out-of-town friends and relatives.

Brantford is the first community outside Toronto to see the exhibit, "The History of the Jewish People of Ontario," which was loaned to the Jewish Village by the Canadian Jewish Congress through the co-operation of Stephen Speisman, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region Archives.

Complementing this exhibit will be the archives of the Brantford Jewish Community, created by archivist Sadie Stren, who has enlarged the archives for the Jewish Village.

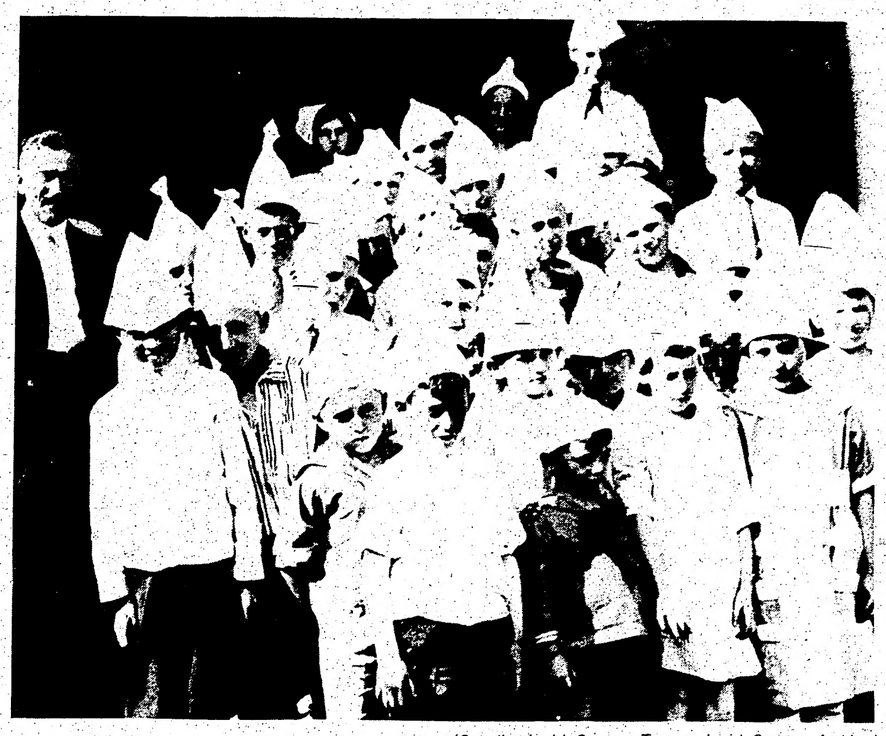
Other attractions in the Village are: a gift corner of Israeli and other articles; films, displays on Jerusalem, the Holocaust and Jewish Holidays and customs; and talks by Rabbi Moshe Yeres.

A program of entertainment includes: Leila and Leon, folk singers; a group of dancers doing Israeli dances; and Michelle, who will present a professional selection of classical Middle Eastern dances.

For the first time, a representative of the Simon family, the first Jewish family to settle in Brantford, will be present at the opening ceremonies of the Jewish Village on Sunday, July 15, at 2:00 p.m. A representative of the newest addition to the Brantford Jewish Community will also be present at the ceremonies.

Co-chairmen for the Village are Leonard Wise and Betty Gazer.

The Jewish Village is located in the Beth David Synagogue, 50 Waterloo St. Hours for the Village are Sunday, July 15 — from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., weekdays hours from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Village will be closed Friday and Saturday in observance of Shabbos.



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A Purim celebration in Brantford, Ontario, circa 1920. Brantford has a Jewish Village display in July.

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Chukat/Balak

Weekly Halacha: It is forbidden to eat or drink anything without first making a proper bracha.

A Jew should always be merciful and an "easy touch" when it comes to dealing with others — after all, don't we want G-d to be easy with us?

The Gerer Rebbe once visited the Carlsbad baths. Among the guests was a rabbi who lived in the province who sought after the latest news. He asked the Gerer about the condition of a certain rabbi who had been very ill at last report. The Gerer knew that the rabbi had died, but he didn't want to break the distressing news. He said: "So and so needs great Heavenly mercy."

The next morning the rabbi heard the news that the other rabbi had been dead for a while. He confronted the Gerer and asked him why he had answered falsely. Answered the Gerer: "G-d forbid — even the dead need mercy. Don't we say three times a day, 'G-d revives the dead **b'rachmim rabbim** — with great mercy.'" (Fun Unzer Altern Oitzer)

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Who is alive and who is dead? There are a lot of people walking around in the best of health, running, doing business, busy day and night — but they're like dead. To be alive means a Jew serves G-d and does mitzvahs. After all, that's why we were put on this world. Just to waste each day with more pleasures, with more zeroes in the bank — is that being alive?

Life is serving G-d.

And there are those who are dead and they are still alive — very much living. **Tzadikim b'misasam kruim chaim** — the righteous dead are called alive" — say our rabbis. A person can influence a generation to Torah and good deeds, that even after his death, he is accomplishing a **velt** — sustaining the world!

When Moses died, no one was able to discover his burial place. Why not? Simple. Moses dead? Chas v'Shalom — G-d forbid! Every little child that learns the Aleph bet, it's from Moses' lips; every Jew steals a few hours at night to learn Torah, it is Moses's eyes; every volunteer who visits the sick, or of the monthly fund who writes letters for the poor — it is Moses's hands and feet...

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A person must pare his life down to the bone — what's essential and what's not. When the Jews traveled, they went from **midbar** to **matanah**..." Where are those places, east, west? Near Etobicoke?

But it teaches...Midbar means desert. Matanah means a gift, something precious. And our rabbis teach — who is a person who is worthy of the gift of being a true servant of G-d, of having time to acquire Torah, to grow as a person? Midbar! A person who makes his life like a desert. He doesn't need luxuries, he doesn't lose sleep about what he doesn't have — he only wants to serve G-d.

And honesty. A religious Jew must be bone-clean honest. The Scripture describes that Job's house was in the desert. Couldn't he find a more pleasant place to live? But it teaches — just a as a desert is free of theft and immorality, so his house was pure of sins.

A certain Jew who had declared bankruptcy under suspicious circumstances, causing a loss of thousands of dollars for his creditors, came to the Rabbi Israel of Rizhin with a pidyon, a donation of money to receive the tzadik's blessing.

The rabbi refused to take the money. He said: "In the Torah it says, 'from midbar, the desert, to matanah — to a gift...' From whom is a rebbe allowed to take money from: from a Jew whose dealings are as clean and above reproach like a desert? But a person who left hundreds broke, I can't take."

An act of honesty is the greatest kiddush Hashem. Shabbat Shalom.

PARTY AND A DRAW

Pioneer Women Na'amat of Toronto honored some of their members recently. From left seated: Dora Waltman and Faigel Barkin. Standing from left: Luba Peltz, Freda Harrison, Mollie Rothman, Clara Bokser, Bev Klaiman, Rose Heiferling and Sara Himelson. All received awards for service.

Carter phones Clark at 4 a.m. about embassy

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

A diplomatic storm in a diplomatic teapot was Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld's description of the recent controversy over Prime Minister Joe Clark's election promise to move the Canadian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Schonfeld was addressing 400 guests at a farewell dinner given by Shaarei Tefillah Congregation for their spiritual leader of 10 years, Rabbi Meyer Berglas, his wife Vicki and their five daughters. He is spiritual leader of Young Israel Kew Gardens congregation, and father of Mrs. Berglas.

"In the United States, we have been totally unable to move the State Department or the president in that direction," Schonfeld said. "Our president called your prime minister at four o'clock in the morning to tell him if he moves the Canadian embassy, it would strain U.S.-Canadian relations.

"Even if Joe Clark's commitment was only made to satisfy Jewish votes in Toronto, it demonstrates the strength of your Jewish community."

The past president of the Rabbinical Council of America said at a recent convention of the council, two out of three days were spent discussing fraudulent conversions, intermarriage and alienation. "We all decided that in the long run, these problems can only be solved by large-scale aliya to Israel," he said.

Schonfeld said too many Jews fail to understand the spiritual significance of our return to Israel and to Jerusalem.

"Misguided people protest further settlements on the West Bank and accuse the government of being too hawkish, because they have not yet made peace with the fact that Israel is the spiritual as well as physical homeland of the Jewish people."

He felt it was significant that 99.9% of yordim who leave Israel are not observant; yet 99.9% of Jews who go on aliya have a religious commitment.

Schonfeld said Jewish parents in the Diaspora have a profound and difficult dilemma. "We preach aliya; we want to be Zionists in the highest sense of the word; we want our young people to move to Israel; and we want Israel to be safe and secure. That cannot be done from New York or Toronto, but only from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv."

Dinner Chairman Morris Starkman pointed out that during his 10 years in Toronto, Berglas was a founder of the Free Torah High School, sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, which made its headquarters at Shaarei Tefillah for many years. He served as president of the Ontario division of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Berglas was a founder of the Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot yeshivot, the Toronto Jewish Marriage Council, and the Orot Yerushalayim Aliyah movement to encourage emigration to the land of Israel.

Greetings were extended to the Berglas family by Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman, Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas — he's on his way

Student urges classroom lessons be reinforced by home atmosphere

By LISA TARSHIS

TORONTO—

Jewish education is a widely used term, and I would like to focus on the significance it has to my generation. Years ago during my grandparents' youth, getting a Jewish education in Europe meant having a private tutor for the girls, since they weren't allowed to learn with the boys. The boys went to chedar or to a special yeshiva, often starting at the age of three. In my parents' generation, day schools were fairly new in Toronto and most families sent their children to chedar after a full day at public school. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to attend a Jewish day school and it is something very special to me.

Having been a student at the Associated Hebrew Schools for many years I would like to share with you some of my experiences, both positive and negative.

As with all institutions in our society there are drawbacks. A Jewish education means long hours, whether at day school or evening classes. It means separation from the neighborhood kids. I know that that was a problem for me. All my friends were scattered across the city and it was always a complicated task to figure out how, when and where we could meet. Another hardship that accompanies going to a private Hebrew school is the financial load. I don't feel that it is fair that my parents have to pay extra taxes to support schools their children are not attending. Perhaps we'll have better luck with the new government.

I also have some definite feelings about the responsibility of our Jewish educators. I feel that the material taught should be relevant to our lives and that the teachers must have the ability to relate to their students, both culturally and personally.

But despite these drawbacks, there are many benefits to be gained. The most important is the Jewish education that I have received. That is something I have and no one can take away from me. Going to a school with a double curriculum taught me good study habits and organization skills. I had to be organized if I wanted to survive. Learning a second language at such an early age, and the fact that I am now bilingual, has made other languages come easy to me. I learned more than the basic reading, writing and arithmetic. I learned English literature, Hebrew literature, English history, Jewish history, English grammar, Hebrew grammar, studied Torah, the Prophets, moral values, and of course, Talmud. The Talmud taught me to reason things out in a logical order. I've heard it said that the old Talmudic scholars of the Middle Ages have become our modern day Jewish lawyers.

Dr. Abraham Maslow, a well-known Jewish psychologist, found that a sense of belonging is a basic human need. And I agree, especially now in our day and age, when so many kids and adults are searching for their roots. Knowing the history of my people has given me both an identity and a sense of belonging. I have a definite place in my family, in the Jewish community and as a world citizen. I was always informed about the current events in the Jewish community in Toronto and worldwide. The Jews are one fellowship. I have a bond with Jews all over the world. When my fellow Jews in Russia suffer, I am concerned. When something happens in Israel, I care, and feel a sense of responsibility. I remember in 1973, during the Yom Kippur war, my whole class, under the supervision of our Hebrew teacher, wrote letters to the wounded soldiers who were in hospitals in Israel. We also went from door to door selling merchandise to raise money for Israel during those troubled days. In our small way, we were taught to participate and help.

Being in a Jewish environment at an early age is also important to me because almost all of my close friends are Jewish and I feel that is an important factor in discouraging intermarriage.

Another benefit occurs when Judaism is brought into the home by the children, since Jewish education involves an awareness of the laws, holidays, and traditions. Sometimes the children teach their parents who unfortunately did not have the opportunity to receive a Jewish education themselves, but want it for their children. I have seen this happen with some of my friends.

But, I think, the most effective way to encourage a Jewish education is for the child to see what he is learning in school reinforced in the home—because the home is still the most important environmental influence on his life.

Lisa Tarshis is a graduate of Associated Hebrew Day Schools.

Siegfried Kriesler

Krieser family gives new lab to Technion

The Israel Institute of Metals at Technion has gained a new lab-workshop, which was endowed by the immediate family of Siegfried Krieser who died last November.

Krieser, born in Czechoslovakia in 1908, received his mechanical engineering degree in Holland. His wife and two children and all other members of his family were Holocaust victims. After the war, he was appointed a director of a rest home in Austria, where he met Henia Propper, a nurse there. They married in 1946 and in 1949 they joined her sister in Canada.

In 1952, Krieser opened his first business in Toronto — a small garage. With time, energy and talent, he turned it into a metal furniture factory which eventually became the Metal Bending & Furniture Co. This eventually became the Siegfried Kreiser Industries Ltd., manufacturing various pipes and tubes for construction companies across Canada.

In the early 60's, when Israel built its Middle-East Tube Company near Akko, Krieser went to Israel and offered his experience and know-how. At that time he became acquainted with Technion and joined the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society.

Krieser was a family man, modest in public life. He divided his time between his life-enterprise and his close family. He leaves behind his wife Henia and their daughter Rita — both active in Hadassah — grandchildren Mark and Marnie, and son-in-law Edward Martenfeld, who took over the management of Krieser Industries.

The memorial dedication of the Siegfried Krieser Memorial Metal Lab-Workshop will take place at the Technion campus in Haifa in the fall when the family plans to visit Israel.

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Jewish seniors start pushing

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"Although each club continues to have independent programming, it is the Association which acts as the collective voice for its approximately 4,400 members," says Mrs. Klein, who is also active in the Holy Blossom Temple Alumnae Club, offering one of Toronto's most energetic senior programs.

"We also try to assist individual clubs to strengthen their own leadership, resources and program and volunteer development," she added.

The association also has three members sitting on the CSJE executive and four members on the CSJE board of directors so that it always has a close ear to the ground on the development of home support services.

Ben Shapero, 70, from the Workmen's Circle Senior Club, and now involved in setting up programming for the retirement years at York University, is the current president of the association.

Shapero emphasizes that the association tries to get seniors to help themselves without waiting for others to start the ball rolling. He stated frankly that social action is not yet a watch-word in the ranks of Jewish senior clubs.

"People do not usually act unless they are affected directly," he observed. Whether the absence of grass-roots enthusiasm for social action is a mark of apathy, low self-image of many seniors or whether older Jewish persons are, in the main, happy, healthy and in fact too involved to get more involved is a moot point, agrees Shapero.

At a recent public affair's conference, which the Association holds annually to focus on key social issues for seniors, Dr. Vivian Rakoff, Toronto psychiatrist and keynote speaker, said the seniors' main problems were cultural and social and not physical.

"We live in a society that is youth-oriented and gives priority to productivity," Rakoff said. "Seniors who are no longer in the work force, are not considered useful citizens anymore," he stated.

But Jack Lutsky, 73, forceful first vice-president of the association, vehemently disagrees with prevailing mores: "Senior citizens are not some indefinable group separated and apart," said the former chairman of a woodworker's union, and head of a Toronto news vendors' welfare organization. "We have made contributions to our society and country, and still have a lot of knowledge and experience to offer."

The association is just one of about 1,000 senior clubs in Ontario alone. Shooting up like bright yellow dandelions all across Canada, senior clubs grow out of the fertile soil of unions, churches and synagogues, voluntary groups, large and medium-size businesses and community colleges and universities.

Functioning to serve the multiple needs of the older person for companionship, recreation, continuing education, social services and — above all, self-image, self-help and self-planning in the community — the senior groups were all but invisible until recently.

The gradual growth of Grey Lib demonstrates that revolutions are not always acted out with the dramatic fanfare of the storming of the Bastille. Sometimes, they just slowly seep into the social fabric and day-by-day alter the texture of human experience, says noted gerontology author, Alex Comfort.

According to Carol Abugov, CSJE co-ordinator with the association and adroit facilitator at social action meetings, even though the aging society is already a new social reality, it will be a long time before the public sees it this way.

"The public at large has very negative views of older people," said Abugov who has a background in case work for the Children's Aid as well as Baycrest, and is currently doing graduate studies in adult education.

It is through social action in the community, she believes, that seniors themselves will not only raise their own self-image but at last cut through the old fogey stereotypes that have blinded social planners in the last century.

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Cutting fat off operating expenses

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Are high costs going to drive some supplementary schools out of business? Maybe, says Joe Silver.

At the Workmen's Circle Peretz schools, for example, school costs are $500 per pupil but the fees are only $250. Such schools are faced with the task of re-evaluation which could mean sudden death of one of the best and most successful Yiddish programs in Toronto.

"If the problem is just money, then it is possible to trim costs," says Adath Israel's educational director A. Eliezer Kirshblum who not only cut the fat off administration expenses but increased enrolment dramatically with ambitious programs in the lower grades. In three years Kirshblum, who is also Adath Israel's cantor, saved the evening school from closing, raised the enrolment by 100 students and reduced the deficit from $40,000 to $10,000.

There are other examples of making ends meet: with high parental commitment, minimal administrative costs, five teachers and a principal, the Toronto Secular Jewish Association can still meet its costs through tuition fees, says school administrator Dr. Martin Belman.

Something of an anomaly that draws both fervent admirers and critics, the North York Community Hebrew School (NYCH), with about 500 students and 50 staff members, teaches a full range of Jewish subjects — and is a privately-run, profit-operated Jewish school.

NYCH clearly demonstrates, whether its opposition likes it or not, that a Jewish educational institute does not have to depend on community money — and can also operate in the black.

The Torah Ohr is a similar private, profit-operated Jewish school.

While the study in no way suggests that Jewish school education — day school or evening school — can make radical economies without cutting into the quality or quantity of curricula, it does urge a look at new ways to save money.

For example, the study committee recommended that evening schools sharing the same philosophy — and geography — should join forces to reduce administrative costs and maximize use of staff and teachers.

Silver has advocated just such a co-ordination of efforts among secular Jews. For those who wish to affirm their Jewish identity within a cultural rather than religious framework, says Silver, it makes sense to get together.

The old ideological rifts are now unimportant as far as the field of education is concerned, he argues.

The same rationalization could be applied to many of the congregational schools, especially those with minimal enrolment, according to the study report. But such a route still seems far away in the minds of many educators.

On the whole, enrollment in the supplementary schools has spiralled downwards at the same time as enrollment in the day schools shot upwards — although recently there is a levelling off.

In 1968-69, supplementary schools enrolled about 6,400 and the day schools about 3,600. Ten years later, the tables had turned, the supplementary schools were about 4,600 and the day schools were about 5,700.

What does not show in these statistics is the severe decline in some of the congregational schools particularly. In the Bathurst-Eglinton area where drops have been sharp, enrolments in some cases went from 451 to 96, from 490 to 243, from 288 to 0 in the space of seven years.

Conversely, some congregational schools have experienced growth — such as the Beth Tikvah, Ohalei Yosef Yitzchak, Temple Har-Zion, Adath Israel, Shaar Sholom, to mention a few. Demographic factors are strong.

This is the Borochov School choir in the midst of a performance. At left is teacher Shulamit Zimmerman.

These are Eitz Chaim's evening school graduates. The picture was snapped when they graduated in 1978.

Not only has the whole north-east sector of Toronto opened up to new Jewish communities, but also the outer rim of Metropolitan Toronto in such areas as Mississauga, Unionville, Richmond Hill, Brampton-Bramalea, Malvern and the Beaches.

The appearance of the Downtown Jewish Community School, a Sunday school with about 45 children which will start this September around Bloor and Spadina, is another interesting demographic development in Toronto Jewish life.

Jewish schools in these areas started to mushroom — in the last couple of years particularly — starting out with modest classrooms of 35 to 40 and meeting primarily on Sundays. Orientation runs from conservative to what is described as "liberal religious-socio-cultural."

With the shifting of Jewish people from areas they once densely populated, some schools like Borochov in Ward 7 in North York are left with populations too old for the school.

"We used to have over 200 children," says Principal Joseph Kligman remorsefully. "Now we have only 70." Kligman, who has been a prominent Jewish educator for almost 50 years, also indicts "parents who allow their children to decide their own educational destiny, and who want to spare them extra hours of Jewish study". He sees a lost generation of Jews.

Clearly, both religious and secular Jewish schools have felt the impact of the shifting changes in values, perceptions, incomes and population.

And, as the probing J. Sydney Midanik, chairman of an over 400-page report on Jewish education for the Board said in 1975: "Massive amounts of money alone will not cure the problems of Jewish education."

Although there probably is a disparity between what is Jewishly taught in the day schools and what is Jewishly lived in the home, Midanik particularly cited the supplementary schools for the "poor fit" between what was taught and what was practised.

The study encouraged more parent involvement in the supplementary schools, and it also asked educators to examine ways to become more innovative in the form and content of the supplementary schools' curricula.

Jewish educators, Midanik, said, now have the double task of not only transmitting cognitive knowledge but imbuing the child with religiosity and/or a feeling and love for the Jewish way of life — long considered the function of parents.

It was to incorporate this experiential side of learning along with the formal text-book, teacher-lecture mode of pedagogy that the $30,000 was allocated from TJC in the first place.

Although there is no clear picture of why the "special projects" submitted from 10 different evening schools got turned down — or even how or how much funding should be allocated — the supplementary schools are going, on their own, in more innovative directions.

Convinced they will continue to remain strong, viable alternative to the Jewish day schools for large numbers of Jewish children, the supplementary schools will press harder than ever for more community support to do their job of "preserving the Jewish heritage and ensuring the continuity of Jewish peoplehood" — the mandate of all Jewish schools, day, evening or week-end.

A Chanukah party at the North Peel Hebrew School in the town of Bramalea.

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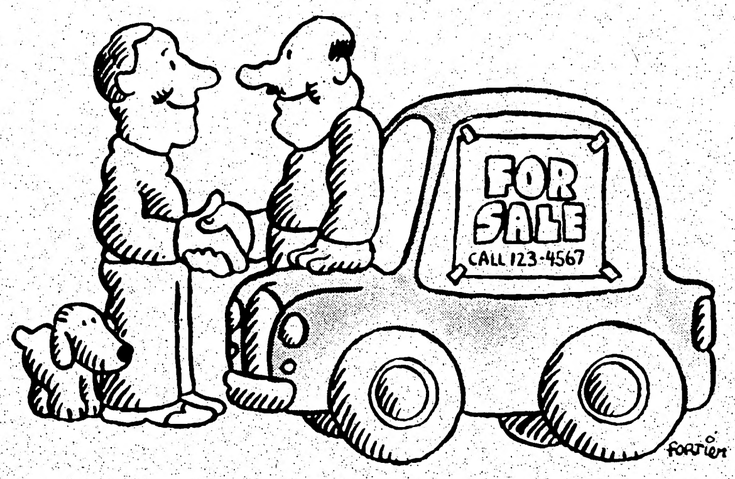

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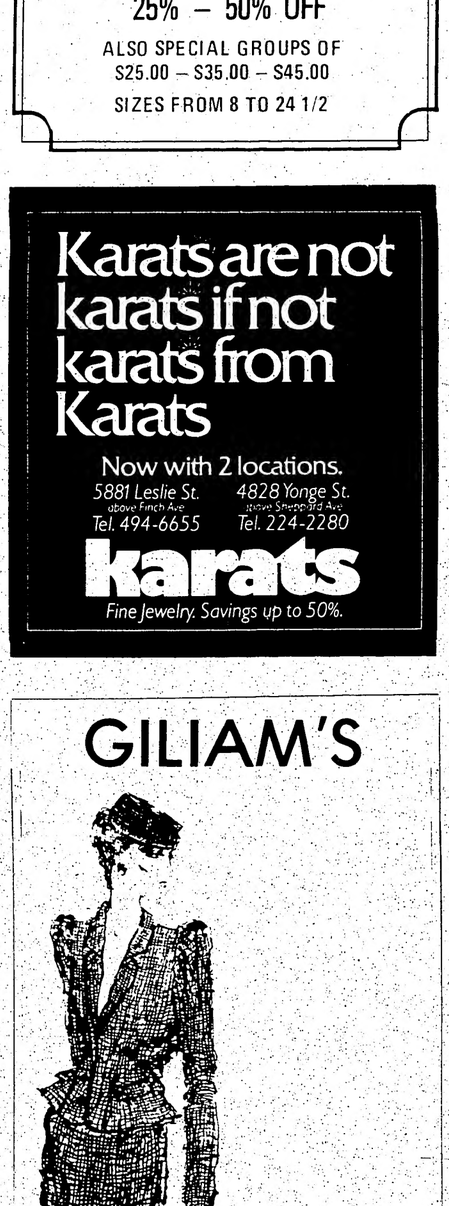

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SUN IS NOT YOUR FRIEND

By LILY ALEXANDER

Toronto skin care authority Lily Alexander is Managing Director of Esthetics of Mira Linder.

All this has been said many times before. But since it is very, very important, it should be said again.

The sun is not your friend.

Sure, you look healthier, even prettier, with a tan. But aside from that, there is really nothing good to say about the sun. Its ultraviolet rays, which cause the skin to tan, also cause it to burn and wrinkle, and are responsible for premature aging of the skin, pigmentation changes and many skin cancers.

Nevertheless, you know and I know that the sun can be fun. Summer in Canada is so short, and basking in summer sunshine is one of its greatest pleasures. So here are some suggestions to follow during the sunshine season.

Toronto skin care expert Lily Alexander

Take the sun gradually on your first few days of exposure, increasing exposure time by about one-third each day. Be especially careful between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest. (Sunburn is unlikely before 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m.)

Blondes and redheads should be extra-cautious about the length of exposure time.

Be sure to use a good lotion or screener, preferably one that contains benzophene, titanium dioxide or para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA). Apply it 45 minutes before you venture out in the sun, and re-apply it after every swim, after perspiring or after towelling off.

When you return inside, cleanse your face thoroughly and take a shower or bath. Then apply a special after-sun gel to help restore moisture to your skin.

Salon treatments, especially those with collagen, can be particularly helpful in rehydrating your skin.

Remember to protect your skin whenever you are outside, not just at the pool or on the tennis court. Use a screener and moisturizer even when you're gardening, shopping or sightseeing, because you're still susceptible to sunburn although not deliberately sunning yourself.

Cloudy days, incidentally, are just as risky as sunny days, because ultraviolet rays cut right through cloud cover. So it's precisely on overcast days when you should be most wary.

Among other popular notions about the sun are that makeup helps protect against burning, that cool water also protects, and that fragrances should not be worn while sunbathing. True or false?

To avoid burns, don't take sun between 11 and 4.

Some makeups do in fact contain sunscreens. But even those without offer some measure of protection. Water is a different matter. It is transparent, so ultraviolet rays penetrate instantly. The danger of sunburn is all the greater simply because you feel cooler and, thus, safer.

You should also avoid perfumes while sunbathing. Fragrances often contain oil of bergamot, a substance with a light-sensitive chemical that attracts and even intensifies the effect of the sun's rays.

Also steer clear of the sun while taking tetracycline or related anti-biotics, tranquilizers and diuretics. In fact, if you're on any medication at all, check with your doctor before sunbathing.

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In keeping with this trend, we learned from Debby Orzy, that baskets, have, to a great extent, replaced expensive pottery. The young women stock hundreds of different sizes and styles to suit every plant and taste. Many of their customers are now requesting tasteful plant centrepieces, for large affairs. These are less costly, very attractive and make lasting gifts for guests, or can be used in the home or garden later. These are displayed in baskets (which are often sprayed to match the decor), or wrapped in colored burlap with a bow or decoration.

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FABRICS:

Nubby materials like boucles, hairy fabrics, knits, in fact anything with a rough texture. Quilted leather or cotton, anything tweed, cashmere, silk, ultra suede.

COLORS:

Summer suggests earth tones, soft pastely colors, white and beige being biggest favorites. For fall, deep rich colors like burgundy, deep green, teal blue, grey, tan, brown, and black are all strong.

STYLING:

The 3" lapel is here. Although some men prefer a narrower 2 7/8", the middle-of-the-roader who wants his wardrobe to see him through three seasons will go for 3". The 4" lapel is dead! Canadian men take note.

Pants will narrow down to 18" but for a 9" shoe, 19" is fine. The length of your shoe should always be considered when you buy your slacks.

Shoulders are emphasized and padding is popular. Clothes are generally structured and cut looser through the body. Your clothes will have simple, clean lines and an uncluttered look. The basic look is austerity, with no unessential details.

THE T SHIRT RAGE:

For summer '79 the indispensable T Shirt will sell from $14 to $18 in a variety of shades and colors from blue, black and navy to tan, cream, rust, orange and yellow. The sky's the limit in both design and color. Styles range from blouson with zipper fronts to the handy pop-over styles with elastic waists. Most have short sleeves and all are machine washable. The rage will continue into fall and winter. The T Shirt is no longer a single season item.

THE SHIRT SCENE:

Shirts have a shorter point spread and smaller collars. Body-shaping is slightly larger and mini-checks and stripes are making a strong come-back, a la 1920. High fashion colors are earth tones and "soft" shades like beige, grey, cream and white.

The shirt look is neutral, elegant and simple. Sports shirts are a hot fashion item, and most are machine-washable polycottons. Prices on the Canadian market range from $25 up.

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BUSY MEN'S WEAR RETAILER IS AN UNUSUAL PERSONALITY

One of the most successful men's wear retailers in Canada, Saul Korman is also one of the business's most unusual personalities. Although he's president of Korry's Clothiers, he has somehow found time to win a reputation in such other fields as writing, broadcasting and politics.

His large clientele comes from every walk of life and varied income brackets. Customers have learned that they can leave the final decision of what they should or should not wear largely in his hands, or those of his capable staff. In fact, Korry's have been known to refuse to sell an inappropriate suit to a customer who wouldn't accept the advice he was offered.

Korman has inaugurated a unique system for creating the ideal wardrobe. He calls it Wardrobe Analysis, and it assesses not only your life-style and budget, but also your likes and dislikes. As a result, Korry's can augment and complement your wardrobe, avoiding duplication and providing you with a new and confidence-inspiring look. Yet all this service is provided while also offering top value for your dollar.

Korman is well known in sports and has commented between periods on CKFH hockey broadcasts. He's a frequent guest of the John Gilbert Show, Canada's most popular open-line radio program. On his many visits to such world buying markets as France and Italy, he often calls Gilbert, relating his highly interesting impressions and experiences gained in foreign scenes.

Saul Korman

As a noted figure in the clothing trade, Korman gets many invitations to talk to large and small groups of retailers and corporations. His expert knowledge of fashion, correct dressing, new trends and related topics are listened to with considerable interest. In addition, he hosts many fashion presentations which include famous names in the world of fashion.

Korman's clients are also his friends. Many call regularly at his store just to keep in touch. Some call from as far away as Ottawa, Winnipeg and other Canadian or U.S. cities in order to update their wardrobes. Many of Korman's outfits bear his own label, reflecting his talents as a designer/manufacturer.

Lately he has achieved considerable fame as a writer through his by-line column in the sports section of the Globe and Mail each Saturday. As well, he contributes to such prestigious publications as Bride and Groom Magazine. Often, too, his opinion as an expert on fashion is sought by Toronto news media.

All of which makes Saul Korman a unique personality and "a somebody" on the local scene.

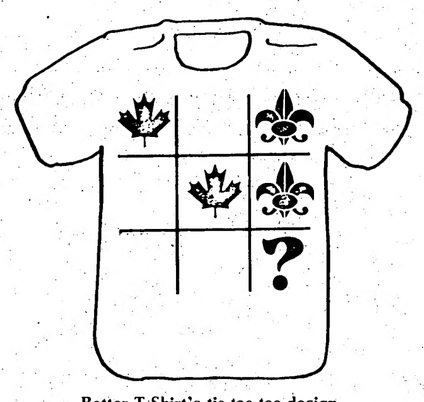
NOVELTY T-SHIRT SELLS OUT QUICKLY

Tic Tac Toe — Whose move is it?

Better T-Shirt Co., Canada's largest manufacturer/distributor of imprinted novelty T-Shirts has come up with another Canadian winner. The company introduced its new design depicting a "tic tac toe" board with two blue "fleur de lis" down the right side and two red "maple leafs" diagonally across, leaving the bottom right corner with a "question mark."

The person wearing the T-Shirt can tell whomever asks, which team he's on.

Better T-Shirt's timing was as always, right on target. The design was launched 10 days before the election was announced. Corey Greenberg, sales vice president states that the first two production runs are sold out, and increased orders this past week are pushing sales close to the 50,000 mark. National unity is undoubtedly an issue that is on the minds (and the bodies) of Canadians.



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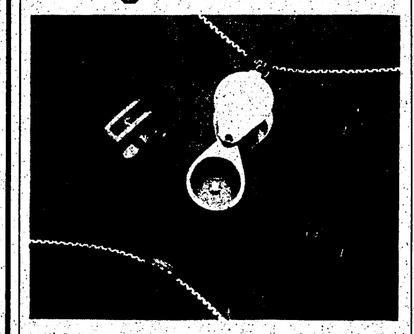

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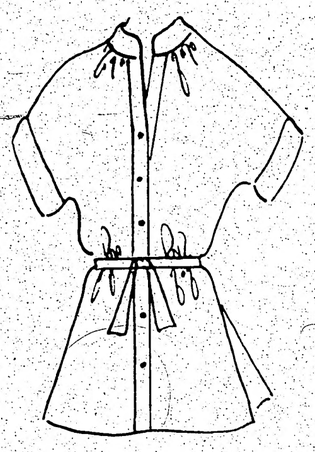

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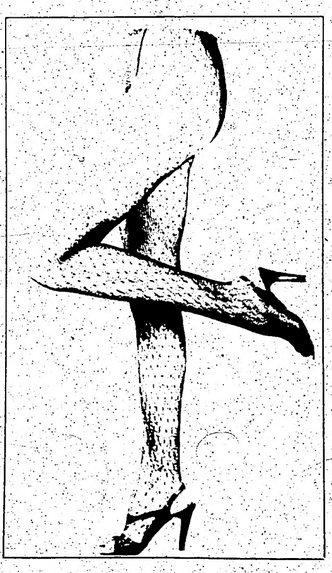

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Art

BY HENRY MOORE?

"Song of Deborah", a 4,000 pound bronze sculpture, is dedicated at Baycrest by sculptress Maryan Kantaroff (left) and resident Rebeccah Bach. Cost of sculpture was borne by Ministry of Culture & Recreation, Wintario and A. & G. Green Charitable Foundation.

Photographs depict pioneers' world

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

Coming Home to Zion
A Pictorial History of Pre-Israel Palestine
Doubleday $18.95

About three decades elapsed between the landing of the first group of Jewish settlers (biluim) at the port of Haifa and the outbreak of the First World War when emigration ceased. About 90,000 Jews from far-flung parts of the globe were scattered and re-settled through a few dozen settlements and towns.

It was a time rich with idealism and hope. Inspired by Herzl and other leaders who spoke of Zion restored, Jews fleeing from servitude, pogroms, destitution and hopelessness flocked to the land of their ancestors. With the permission of the Turkish authorities—and often without it—young men and women bursting with longing and exuberance began to transform the dream of a homeland into a reality.

During these three decades the first Jewish collective settlement was founded, the Hebrew language was revived and modernized by a group of zealous enthusiasts led by the stubborn Eliazer Ben Yehudah, who vowed to speak nothing but Hebrew to his family and friends, the Jewish National Fund was set up by the World Zionist Organization, Deganyah (cornflower), the first communal agricultural settlement came into being, and dedication ceremonies were held for the founding of Tel Aviv.

During the next eight years, from 1917 to 1925, Histadrut, the Israel Trade Union Foundation, was formed, first indications were given of bitter relations between Jews and Arabs, Hebrew was recognized as one of the three state languages and the official ceremony took place for the founding of the Hebrew University.

This pictorial history of pre-Israel Palestine contains 200 black and white photographs, collected by the author from many sources, that bring to life an exciting and fruitful period of settlement, back-breaking work and unexpected conflict.

The over-sized volume is divided into twelve segments: By the Rivers of Babylon, Western European Origins of a Miracle, Pioneers from Eastern European Shtetls, The Journey and the Arrival, Reclaiming the Land, Three Aliyot, Kibbutzim, Tel Aviv, Jews and Arabs in Palestine, Renewing the Holy Language in the Holy Land, Theatre and Art, Holidays.

The photographs depict a country that is but a primitive and underdeveloped caricature of Israel today. The sparse but helpful text is interspersed with photographs of well-known Jewish leaders in uncharacteristic poses, as well as of anonymous Jews from all parts of the globe—even then the homecoming was bizarre in its heterogeneity—who plant trees, feed chickens, engage in amateur theatricals, form orchestras, stand on guard, celebrate religious holidays, pray in the small restricted area that faces the Western Wall and work side by side with their Arab neighbors.

Herb Edelman enthusiastic about all the roles he's played

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

Herb Edelman has been on the road with **Chapter Two** since November, and he's edgy to go back home to his family and ranch in Topanga Canyon, California. He's also full of hype about life, the world, his work, and just about anything else that crosses his path.

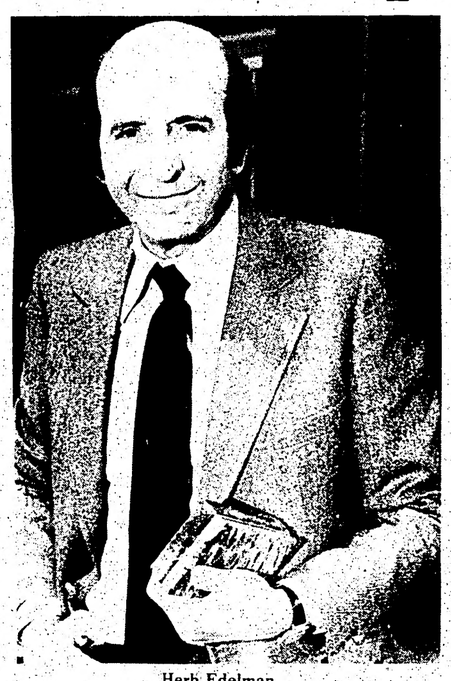
A far cry from the role of Leo, the confused workaholic talent agent with marital problems and a ton of guilt in Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical bittersweet comedy finishing at the Royal Alex, Edelman admits that it's a part he plays well because he's known a lot of guys like Leo and because "I'm walking around with a lot of New York Jewish culture which I communicate. But I'm totally different from Leo."

Born in Brooklyn, Edelman's father ran a variety of different businesses which include the bath house business. "I'm a lot less disciplined than my father," says Edelman who's held some 23 jobs in his 45 year lifetime. He fell into acting at New York University at the age of 19, when, by a fluke, he accidentally walked into a rehearsal of **The Time of Your Life**. He fell out of it just as quickly. "The show bombed," he recalls, "and I went into the army."

For the next several years he bummed around until a fateful evening at a hotel in Pittsburgh where he was working as the night manager. "This guy who was in show business kept coming in and talking about his material. After a while, Edelman candidly told him, "I don't like your partner. He's not funny enough." So the story goes, Edelman became his new partner. "I wasn't exactly Jerry Lewis, but I was crazy enough. We worked up some material which was awful, but once I stepped out onto the stage, I never used it. It was all extemporaneous." The routine was successful but the partnership eventually dissolved which propelled Edelman, at the age of 26, to go back to school at Brooklyn College. "I think I did my best work there," he says. "I did Brecht, Shakespeare, but I walked through the world with two hours' sleep. I did everything inlcuding driving a taxi, and I literally went to some of the courses for a total of two weeks!"

After graduation, he landed the role of the telephone repairman in Neil Simon's **Barefoot in the Park**, and subsequently played on Broadway in **Lorenzo, Bajour,** and toured with the national company of **Luv** playing Alan Arkin's role. The show came to Toronto in 1967, but Edelman had already been here with **The Three Penny Opera** years before and he ruefully remembers that "Nathan Cohen killed us here. Gypsy Rose Lee played Jenny Diver—oh my God! Well, when Cohen panned **Luv**, I thought 'I have to meet this guy, so I called him up and met him in some elaborately decorated place on Yonge Street. I fell in love with him. He was so bright and so cruel—brilliant!"

After 55 television shows and a host of films which include **The Odd Couple** (he played Murray the Cop), **Front Page, The Way We Were**, and **California Suite** in which he appeared as Walter Matthau's brother, Edelman is still better known as a comedian than a dramatic actor. He'd like to change that and fantasizes himself as a guy who gets in trouble in the movies by "going over the deep end.



Herb Edelman

It would be the best of John Wayne, except that he never gets hurt." Getting hurt is obviously part of the ethos. He's recently become the first American to do a Japanese film, part of the **Tora San** movie series (his voice will be dubbed) and if all goes well, he'll pursue Japanese actors for his own film which will be full of "adventure, comedy, and pathos."

Right now and until the tour ends in San Francisco, it's comedy tonight, though Edelman insists that during rehearsals of **Chapter Two**, he kept forgetting that it was comedy and wondered what the audience was laughing at.

"I think Neil (Simon) is in transition," he says of the playwright who based his story on his own experiences after his wife died. "He's taking a closer look at life and putting less in front of it. When he fully grows, he can just let it rip instead of manoeuvering it and having to make it work."

For a guy who would like to be more of an outrageous actor, Edelman seems to thrive at the backbreaking ranch chores awaiting him and the rustic living. "When it's over," he says, "you're stronger and tougher and calmer." It could almost be John Wayne talking into the sunset."

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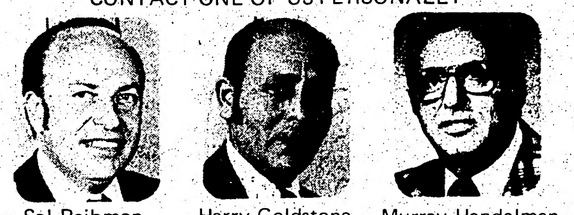
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Phyllis Yaffe is hooked on children's books

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—Alligator Pie by Dennis Lee

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Phyllis Yaffe is 30 years old but she revels in children's literature. On most days, she would rather read about a lonely porcupine than about a 20th century prototype man tormented by philosophical or psychological problems. Give her the simple, delightful adventures of an impressionistic child instead of the groping misadventures of a sexually liberated woman.

She reads about 200 to 300 children's books annually. "I love them. Children's writing is among the most creative in the world today."

Yaffe has more than just a casual interest in books for children and young adults up to 14. As director of the Children's Book Centre, it is her role to increase awareness of, and interest in, Canadian children's books.

The centre was founded three years ago and is a federally and provincially financed organization that exists to promote the writing, publishing, selling and reading of Canadian literature for children.

A native of Winnipeg, she travels across the country regularly to keep parents, educators and librarians abreast of children's books.

"The way I judge a children's book is the way I judge any good adult book," she explains, sitting in her downtown Toronto office filled with pamphlets, colorful posters and bright brochures.

"A good children's book is characterized by fine literary style, character development, a fast-paced plot and some special meaning. It should not be condescending and the author should be able to speak to kids, not down at them."

Throughout the world, there are an estimated 1,000 children's publishing houses. Canada, with 15, produced 100 books last year, compared to 40 a few years ago. Britain, with an output of 3,000 in 1978, ranks as the most prolific producer.

"Britain has been the world leader for a long time. The British have a tradition of publishing children's books. And they have always had a vast market — the Commonwealth and the United States."

(Al Czarnecki photo)
Phyllis Yaffe of the Children's Book Centre

Canada, by contrast, serves a fairly limited market. Yet Canadian books are well respected. "Because of small volume a publisher can't take a risk on a bad book. There's just no room for misjudgment. But there are some pretty poor Canadian books too."

In the past, Canadian publishing houses were known for animal biographies and native Indian folk tales. "That's changing and now we produce a greater number of books with a general theme, albeit in a Canadian setting. Kids mature earlier today and they want to read about social problems and other cultures."

In the U.S. and, to a lesser extent in Canada, children's books have undergone dramatic change, she says.

"There's almost no subject in American literature, for children 10 and up, that's not taboo. Nothing is ignored — from divorce and death to discrimination and child prostitution. In the last decade, an overwhelming number of books on social problems have emerged. There are even some very explicit books about sex for pre-schoolers."

Yaffe, who holds a Masters of Library Science degree from the University of Toronto, says the Children's Book Store on Avenue Road was once raided by police because one book was said to have contained obscene language and scenes of violence.

In Canada, there are some 13 stores specializing in children's books. Seven years ago there was none. "Clever entrepreneurs realize there's money to be made in selling children's books," she explains. "And parents with disposable incomes — and time — consider parenthood an important thing."

There are hundreds of Canadians who write children's books, yet only 10 do it on a fulltime basis.

Yaffe's five most favorite Canadian children's books are: **Hold Fast** by Kevin Major (ages 11-13); **Hug Me** by Patti Stren (5-8); **Lady of the Strawberries** by Helen Chetin (10-12); **Alligator Pie** by Dennis Lee (any age group) and **Jacob Two-Two** by Mordecai Richler (7-10).

Alligator Pie, with sales thus far of 75,000, is the all-time best-seller in this country, she discloses. E.B. White's **Charlotte's Web** is the world's best-seller.

Outside of Canada, Americans Maurice Sendak, Judy Blume, Norman Kline and Briton Leon Garfield are her favorites.

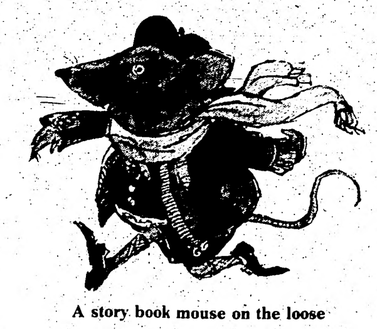
"The artistic boundaries we've imposed on adult writing doesn't exist in children's books," she notes. "Adult fiction I read deals with problems of life, soul searching, very negative kinds of things. Children's books can ask questions and be introspective, but they're infused with more optimism and imagination. For instance, **Hug Me** is about a porcupine who wants to be hugged. It's the quintessential story of loneliness.

"And children's books are so important to a child. Every book a child reads can be very influential in terms of their mental and emotional development.

"Some of the language in these books is brilliant. It took Maurice Sendak three years to write the 80 or so words in **In The Night Kitchen.** I think Issac Bashevis Singer's children's books are wonderful, so funny."

Jews, she says, are highly represented in the field, but she has no idea why.

Yaffe, who began her career in a Winnipeg children's library, is married to a University of Toronto physicist. They have no children. A visitor remarks how strange it seems that she is childless. "You don't have to have children to appreciate children's literature," she observes. "Many people think they can write children's books because they have been involved with children or have had children. But I don't think either is a factor. Some of the finest books are ones written by people who are not married and have no children."



A story book mouse on the loose

Musical scores hit out East

By JENIVA BERGER

TORONTO— In Toronto, the names of Stephen Witkin and Joey Miller would probably draw a blank stare from anyone outside of the entertainment industry. But at the Charlottown Festival, the team of writer Witkin and composer lyricist Miller is dynamite. Their "small book musical" called **Eight to the Bar**, which made its debut at Charlottetown's Stage 2 last summer, had people lining up in the streets to catch the highly acclaimed musical. This summer, the show is being repeated at the Charlottown Festival, and there are a noteworthy number of other productions being done back to back across the country until next September: Edmonton's Northern Lights Theatre, Quebec's Festival Lennoxville in a co-production with the Neptune Theatre in Halifax, the Muskoka Summer Theatre, and the season opener for Theatre Calgary. Toronto, a city big on small musicals, has ironically been slow in hitching on to a good thing, but there is a strong possibility the show will find a berth here providing a proper house is found.

In the aftermath of their success, Witkin and Miller have been commissioned by Bill Glassco to write a musical for Toronto's Tarragon Theatre, are co-authoring a project called **Flying** along with director John Hirsch, and have the honor of producing a second show for summer workshopping at the Charlottown Festival called **Ye Gods**—a musical about Zeus' philandering, written in the farcical vein of Aristophanes. They feel good about that one since it's the first time the Festival is sponsoring a serious workshop effort—on the mainstage of the Confederation Arts Centre with mainstage actors.

Stephen Witkin, a lively Torontonian, has been writing comedy and performing since his days at the YMHA Drama Club in Toronto (He grins: "I wrote one show called 'The Man from Matzah'"). As a freelance comedy writer, Witkin has engineered laughs for the CBC, Global TV, CFTO-TV, and at Yuk Yuk's where he writes monologues for stand-up comedians. He's also head writer, actor, co-producer and founder of Asterix Productions which produces industrial shows for the likes of Canada's new Wonderland and Coca-Cola. Onstage, he's also supplied a few laughs on his own appearing in a score of comedies in the regional theatres, and has had his share of hosting TV shows at home.

Next to him, his partner, Joey Miller, is in apt counterpoint being slightly more reserved, and a shade more intense. The Montreal-born Miller, who came from a talented musical family (his father wrote and produced original musicals for Beth Zion Synagogue) was plunked in front of an orchestra as its conductor by his enterprising dad when he was 18 years old.

Since then, Miller has never stopped working as an arranger, musical director, and composer/lyricist for TV, radio, stage shows and night club acts. Miller and Witkin, who met—rather, matched by a mutual friend—at a Lehman Engel Workshop two and a half years ago when Miller was trying out five new songs from his newly conceived show, **Eight to the Bar**, have one thing in common: they talk more about their show than they do about themselves.

Explaining why they think **Eight to the Bar** is different from other small musicals, they emphasize that the show "is not a revue," despite its "come to the cabaret" title. "One of the things we wanted to get away from," Miller says, "was a young revue style cast. So we have characters like a brash Jewish princess running away from her marriage."

The show has four characters in all and takes place in a run down bus station restaurant during a snow storm on New Year's eve. The interaction of the characters and the important decisions the travelers face in their lives before the evening is over provides the drama in the show. Critics lauded Miller's strong songs which were artfully blended into the storyline yet projected a hit parade quality on their own.

"No one ever mentions the title of the show," Miller continues, "but it's part of the lyric from **Chatanooga Choo-Choo**. Of course, our story does take place in a lunch bar, and the four people all change by the end of the show (becoming eight to the bar)."

"It's basically a comedy," Witkin reminds me. "But, like **All in the Family**, when you laugh, you get hit on the head. Still, there's lots of emotion at the end and you can cry with this show. It sounds corny, but they're happy tears."

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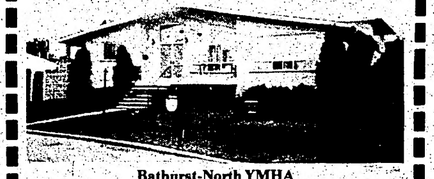

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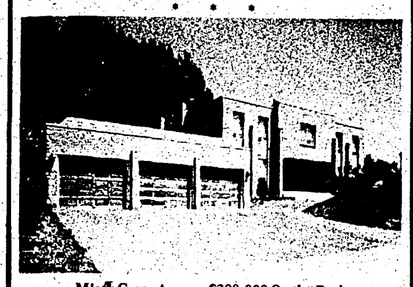

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Digging reveals an interesting family history

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL—
Ten years ago, Arthur Kurzweil was convinced that geneology was a waste of time. Name changes and the frequent destruction of European Jewish communities over the centuries made tracing his ancestors back to distant generations an impossibility—or so he thought.

As it turns out, the New York-born writer and lecturer is now an expert on Jewish roots and can trace his father's family back to the late 17th century and his mother's to the early 15th century.

In all, he has managed to track down 540 ancestors.

"What I have done," he told a Saidye Bronfman Centre audience during a visit here," contradicts all the standard notions about how difficult it is to trade Jewish roots. All you have to be is a good detective and 95% of the task can be accomplished by writing letters and checking source books."

His interest in roots—a pre-Alex Hailey involvement—began by chance when the 32-year-old Queen's College teacher came across a 600-page landsmanschaft book in the NYC Public Library. The memorial text, which happened to be dedicated to the town of his grandparents—Dobremil, a location he could never find on any map—contained a paragraph on his great-grandfather.

In 1974, a passing bit of information from an elderly relative led him to what he described as the most meaningful and emotionally charged experience in all his geneological research. His aged cousin seemed to remember there was one relative who had survived the Holocaust and was still living in Poland.

What Kurzweil thought would be an arduous process of digging turned out to be just the opposite. He consulted the latest Warsaw telephone directory and there was the name, address and phone number of his "missing" relative who had been out of contact with the rest of the family for more than 30 years.

"Dear cousin Arthur," was the reply to Kurzweil's letter. "Please promise me that this will be the first in a continuing correspondence that we will have forever." The letter also requested that he visit Poland, because the cousin's seven-year-old daughter didn't believe "Jewish children in Poland had families." He visited them two summers later.

"By all means use phone books as a source for tracing roots," he said. "Israel has four different directories and it was through them I found the names of nine other Kurzweils. After some written correspondence, it turned out that seven of them were directly related to me."

His initial recommendation in tracing roots is to talk to or write family members or relatives. "Begin with the specific names of grandparents and great-grandparents and find out the towns and countries of their birth."

He also advised making use of North American immigration department files. Upon request, the U.S. Immigration Department mailed him a photostated copy of his grandfather's landing papers which contained the names of great-grandparents, his grandfather's place of birth, last place of residence and nearest living relative, among other items of geneological interest.

If a close relative remembers the ship which brought them to North America, another major source of information can be tapped. Passenger lists made for each individual on embarkation often contain more than two dozen different facts including name, occupation, nationality, literate or not, who paid the passage fare and how much money the individual brought along. "From one of the passenger lists I obtained," said Kurzweil, "I learned that my grandmother, aged 15, came to America with her sister, aged 17, and between them they had $15."

For six years, Kurzweil traced only his father's geneology. "My mother came from a small, assimilated family and I was convinced I would not get very far if I tried to trace my roots along that branch."

Having spent a fruitless half an hour with one of his mother's elderly cousins—an effort which seemed to confirm his earlier belief—he was suddenly given a valuable lead. "I remember when I was a child in Slovakia," said the cousin. "If I didn't behave, I was told: 'That's no way for an 'ainekel' of the Stropkover Rebbe to behave.'"

The next day Kurzweil found a major compendium, indexed town by town, of rebbes from the Baal Shem Tov on. Six rebbes were listed for the town of Stropkob. Only one was named Gottleib, the maiden name of his mother. It so happened that Chaim Joseph Gottleib was responsible for a major commentary on Jewish divorce law in the late 17th century.

Kurzweil learned after some digging that there was a Satmir Hassid in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who sold copies of the book. He made personal arrangements to make a purchase. Having asked the Hasid why he was reprinting and selling such a relatively obscure text, he was told: "Because I am a descendent of the Stropkover Rebbe."

Said Kurzweil: "So there I was in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, standing on the sidewalk with a Satmir Hasid who turned out to be my cousin." The book also contained a geneological chart in its opening pages which enabled him to trace his family back to the early 15th century. The irony for his mother was that she was not from a small, assimilated family as she had believed, but from a large, religious family with many relatives in Williamsburg. "Again to her surprise, there is, in Jerusalem, the Chaim Joseph Gottleib Yeshiva, named for her ancestor."

Harold Cherry (with ball) was the first Jewish competitive cyclist in this country. He's 79 today.

Blowout in Amsterdam kills chance for Olympic gold

By MURRAY MALKIN

In the early part of this century a Jewish boy couldn't become a member of the YMCA in Toronto, and to compensate, a number of Jewish athletes formed the Leonard Athletic Club, where they could go for workouts.

The Leonard Athletic Club, forerunner of the YMHA, was housed above a movie theatre, and it was the spot where many a fine athlete began his career. One day, one of the top athletes at the club, Harold Cherry, was asked by the projectionist at the theatre if he would like to have his bicycle.

"He had an extra bike and asked me if I wanted it, I was 20 years old at the time and I was getting my first set of wheels. I tried out the bike and I thought it was a tremendous sport. I was hooked."

Cherry, who by this time had established a reputation as one of the top athletes in the country, started to devote a great deal of his energy to cycling. "I became the first Jewish competitive cyclist in Canada," he reflected recently. "I started to train on the bike and eventually I tried out for the 1928 Olympic team. I came in first for Canada, setting a world's record, for the 100 mile road race, with a time of 4:08.6."

Cherry had easily made the Olympic team and he was training daily, by riding from Toronto to Hamilton and back with 50 lb. lead weights strapped to the bike, in order to be in top condition for the Amsterdam games. But then he heard a familiar tune. "The Olympic committee didn't have enough money to send me overseas. They had enough to send the second place finisher, though. But some Jewish businessmen and the 'Y' got some money together to send me."

Harold arrived in Amsterdam with his bike in tow. "Those bikes are nothing like they have nowadays," Cherry said. "There was only one gear and to stop you had to drag your feet on the ground."

He did some training around the Dutch city and when the day of the race dawned, he was raring to go. The race began with a few laps on the Olympic stadium track. Cherry was tied for the lead when he left the arena for the streets of Amsterdam, and the Dutch countryside. "But then on the way back to the stadium, for the final few miles of the race, I blew a tire on a cobblestone street. I ended up finishing fifth, but probably would have come in first or second if I didn't have to change a tire."

Now 79-years-old, Cherry still goes to the 'Y' three times a week to ride a stationary bike for 15 miles, do some calisthenics, and work with the weights. He's also an avid golfer. "I'm just an old bag of bones now," he says. "My doctor tells me steel has stress, so what can I expect? I've spent 69 of my 79 years in sport."

During those 69 years Cherry has walked away with enough top honors to make any athlete envious. At one time or another he has held Canadian championships for weight lifting, handball, swimming (the 220 and 440) and wrestling. (Those are just the individual sports). Cherry was also a member of championship teams from the 'Y' in basketball, softball and rugby.

Cherry, who was honored as the 'Y's top athlete of the half-century, was an amateur athlete for all but one month of his life; he rode his bicycle professionally in six-day bicycle marathons. He was guaranteed $200 a week for the races, "but my father-in-law didn't want a bum for a son-in-law. He wanted a businessman. So I gave it up. But before I did, I rode at Madison Square Gardens."

He's been involved in the clothing business ever since, learning it from his father. Presently, along with his wife, he owns one of Toronto's finest dress shops, Esther Cherry.

Harold and Esther recently celebrated their 49th anniversary. They have three children and nine grandchildren. "All excellent athletes," Harold says. "I always wanted them to compete, so they could develop their body as well as their minds."

Howard Fox combines mysticism, universality

By JEFF BIEN

Howard Fox's pen and ink drawings in Yorkville's Gadatsy Gallery are informative pieces utilizing the aesthetics of the figure and landscape to create a mystical Jewish quality. Based on a stippling technique, the drawings range from Cabalistic themes pertaining to the question of mans' relation to G-d to one of his larger works — a collage of different forms of architecture in a utopian fantasy landscape.

Fox, who admires the work of Rembrandt, Chagall and especially Israeli artist Ben Shahn, says his art is of a communicative sort expressing a need to confront modern issues related to society in general. A number of his pieces are only remotely connected with Judaism, focusing instead on suffering and man's interaction with his fellow man.

The recent York University fine arts graduate was enrolled in various Jewish studies courses during his academic career and recently finished a thesis entitled, "What is Jewish art?" He concluded that it is a synthesis of Jewish thought and perspective on the human condition.

"To be a Jewish artist, you don't have to draw rabbis," he says. "One of my most Jewish pieces is a castle. The Jew should question decadence, war, violence and corruption. A crusader or Russian castle may represent an intolerance that Jews are familiar with."

His second one-man show at the gallery of contemporary drawings and watercolor, Fox has participated and won prizes in the City Hall Art Show and has exhibited his work at various Toronto synagogues. He had a major exhibition at the Network convention held here last December.

The 24-year-old bearded artist is leaving next month for Israel with the intention of living in Tel Aviv and working on his art. His fifth trip there, he says he is going because it's warm and he's a Jew.

"The longer we stay here, the more assimilation takes place. Its basically an integration into a society based on rude materialism," he says.

For Fox, Israel represents a perpetuation of a rich and important cultural heritage and way of life. He cites culture as the most important aspect of Judaism and sees his work as a mystical fantasy approach incorporating culture and expressing the universality of the religion.

As well as expressing his Jewishness through his art, Fox has worked for Dror (a Labor Zionist youth group) and founded A'nei Zion, a university student Zionist group emphasizing self-education. He has been active in the Jewish Student Federation at York University and one of his drawings has been duplicated and the prints are available through JSF office.

Although he has painted in the past, Fox prefers pen and ink drawing but leaves himself open to the possibility of working in various mediums in the future. He says: "I have to grow, an artist who finds himself doing just one thing is allowing himself to stagnate."

One of his more interesting pieces of work is a self-portrait entitled, "Jew boy hits the city."

"Holocaust" — a pen and ink drawing by Howard Fox

Jewish National Fund leaders in Peterborough, Ontario, launched their campaign recently. In town to help them was Israeli JNF representative Yona Gazit (right). From left: Joel Moldaver, Mort Columbia, Harry Cherney and Frank Gishman.

UIA attracts large crowd

PETERBOROUGH — A large crowd turned out in Peterborough for the annual United Israel Appeal campaign meeting at the Beth Jacob Synagogue. This year's campaign committee is headed by Isadore Black, Harry Cherney, Frank Gishman, Mort Golumbia, Phil Holland and Joel Moldaver.

After the invocation by Rabbi Shmuel Mann, Lt. Col. Yona Gazit, the UIA emissary from Israel, stated that the first steps in the implementation of the peace between Egypt and Israel show both sides in fact want to speed up the process. This is the best sign, he said, that the intentions of Egypt in relation with the peace treaty, are serious and he hoped that the process would accelerate in the next few months, even though there are dangers involved from the Arab confrontation states.

In addition to Israel's enormous costs of involvement in the peace process, Gazit indicated that the elimination of poverty through Project Renewal would definitely take place. World Jewry is responding magnificently as well as through the regular campaigns. The Ontario Region has adopted Or Yehuda, and all the communities who have held campaigns have not only given increased gifts to the regular campaign but are contributing to Project Renewal as well.

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